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Dear families and friends of Community Living Burlington

I have received a lot of questions from family members asking when the people we support will be vaccinated at Community Living Burlington.

The good news is that our employees are slowly getting vaccinated as they are on the front line working with the people we support.

I have had constant communication with the Halton Region Public Health and they have stated that the people we support are next. To prepare for this, our staff have received documentation from the Region to complete, consenting to the vaccine. You will be contacted by one of our employees for permission if you are the guardian.

We are hoping that the vaccinations will begin as soon as the end of March, early April. Again, this is dependent on the inventory Public Health receives from the Province.

I, unfortunately, have not heard that families, as caregivers for their relatives, have access to the vaccination, similar to Long term care. This will be something that I will advocate for as things progress in the Halton Region.

I have also heard from families that those who have chronic health issues supported through the LHIN or home care are eligible for the vaccine. That is true, but Community Living Burlington does not fall under this category.

Another question from families is whether or not participants who attend our day programs can be part of "congregate care" vaccinations. I have not heard that is an option as of yet but I will continue to ask.

It has been a year into this Pandemic and I know how frustrated everyone is but there is progress and we will continue to work with our Local Public Health unit and hope that by late summer, Community Living Burlington can return to some sort of "normal" life.

Take care and stay safe.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Judy Pryde".

Judy Pryde
Executive Director

The Mission of Community Living Burlington is to enrich the quality of life and to promote full and meaningful inclusion in the city of Burlington of people who have a developmental disability.

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