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Request: Health System Support to Reach Isolated Patients Aged 80+

As a valued health system partner, we are seeking your support to help us communicate vaccine information to individuals aged 80+ who are isolated or may not have reliable access to the Internet.

Advanced age continues to be the primary concern for serious complications related to COVID-19 infection – we need to ensure we can communicate to our elderly citizens and offer them vaccination as quickly as possible when they become eligible. Please consider contacting those under your care who:

- Are 80 years or older (born in the year 1941), **AND**
- Do not have reliable access to the Internet, or are likely not comfortable accessing the Internet, **OR**
- Are isolated (e.g. limited contact with loved ones), **OR**
- May need additional support in understanding how to book an appointment when they become eligible.

Southwestern Public Health is finalizing our vaccination clinic sites locally, which are anticipated to begin operations early-to-mid March. **We expect to announce more details next week to welcome our 80+ year old citizens, including how to book an appointment either online or via telephone.**

In the meantime, please consider who in your care may fit the above description so that information can be shared with those individuals as soon as eligibility details become available.

Important information to share:

- Clinics in Elgin-Oxford will open early-to-mid March to align with provincial timelines. Details will be available soon. Initial appointments will be available at the Agriplex for early-mid March.
- Appointments are **required**. Those without an appointment **will be turned away** from these clinics.
- A completed consent form is **required**. Please **bring a filled-out consent form** to your appointment to avoid delays at the clinic. [Here is a link](#) to the current consent form ready to share with patients now.

We appreciate your support in delivering timely information to those who may not have access to it otherwise.

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