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Dear Member

Congratulations on receiving your first dose of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine.

### **Timing** of your second dose

The Pfizer vaccine consists of a 2-dose regimen with an interval of 42 days between doses. The National Department of Health has updated the interval between the first dose and the second dose to 42 days having considered emerging data on optimal efficacy of the Pfizer vaccine.

As this recommendation was made after many vaccination sites had opened, it may differ from the information you were given at your vaccination site or on your vaccination reminder card. Please note that this interval has now been updated to 42 days and that you will not be able to access your second dose unless 42 days has passed between your first dose and your second dose.

### **You will receive an SMS confirming your second dose appointment**

The Electronic Vaccination Data System (EVDS) has been programmed with the 42-day interval between doses. When it's your turn to be vaccinated, you will receive an **SMS from the EVDS** with your vaccine code and the date and location of your vaccination site for your second dose.

Please ensure that you have this SMS from the EVDS before presenting for your second dose at a vaccination site.

### **Please note**

- Your second dose may not be at the same vaccination site as your first dose. The EVDS allocation will allocate you to a vaccination site closest to you. If more sites in your area become available during this time, you may be allocated to another site closest to you.

### **Stay Informed**

Our [COVID-19 Vaccination Navigator](#) supports you with all the information you need at every step of your vaccination journey, and you can also share your vaccine experience after your second dose.

Visit our [COVID-19 vaccine hub](#) or use our [WhatsApp](#) service to get instant answers to your questions anywhere, anytime.

Regards,

**Discovery Health on behalf of Anglo Medical Scheme**