



# Consent Form - Residents

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**Immunization – Influenza Vaccine, Pneumococcal Vaccine and Antiviral Therapy** Immunization annually against influenza is advised as pneumonia can develop in some cases of influenza. In addition, immunization against pneumococcus can help prevent pneumonia in the elderly.

**INFLUENZA VIRUS VACCINE** is an active immunizing agent given by injection. The vaccine helps to prevent infection by the influenza viruses that are included in each year’s vaccine. The annual influenza vaccine includes strains that are expected to circulate during the upcoming season (*\*its important to be vaccinated yearly for protection as the flu virus can change over time, and the effectiveness of the influenza vaccine decreases significantly over time\**).

**PNEUMOCOCCAL VACCINE** is an active immunizing agent given by injection. This vaccine helps to prevent a particular form of pneumonia that can have serious effects in the elderly. The vaccine does not need to be given yearly.

Along with their needed effects, both vaccines may cause some temporary side effects. The following may occur:

- Tenderness, redness or hard lump at the site of injection
- Mild fever, headache, unusual tiredness or weakness, or aches and pain in muscles

The following are symptoms of an allergic reaction: (*\*this usually occurs shortly after the person receives the vaccine and is treatable\**)

- Difficulty breathing or swallowing
- Hives: itching especially hands and feet
- Swelling of eyes, face or inside nose
- Unusual tiredness or weakness (sudden and severe)

**ANTIVIRAL THERAPY** – Antiviral therapy may be recommended by the Medical Officer of Health to be given to the residents of Long-Term Care Homes during a confirmed influenza A outbreak.

Antiviral Therapy Contraindications: Tamiflu – known sensitivity to Tamiflu, kidney disease, pregnancy

I have read the above and consent to \_\_\_\_\_ (Resident’s Name) receiving the following vaccines:

Name of Vaccine	Resident/ POA Signature	Date	Witness
Influenza Vaccine			
Pneumococcal Vaccine			
Antiviral Therapy			

Resources: