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### Concerning: COVID-19 Vaccination

Dear Sir or Madam,

As you know, COVID-19 can cause serious complications for people older than 65 and for those with chronic diseases.

Vaccines with 95% efficacy are now available in Switzerland. Studies have shown that, for 100 people that are vaccinated and then exposed to the virus, 95 are completely protected against it and 5 can still get a light form of COVID-19.

Thousands of people have already been vaccinated in the world. The adverse effects that have been observed are as follows: pain in the injection site, tiredness, headaches or soreness. Other inflammatory reactions may happen but are very rare.

As of yet, vaccination is the only measure showing real efficacy in preventing COVID-19 and its serious complications. **Health authorities and Doctors recommend you to be vaccinated. Vaccination is free of charge. It isn't mandatory.** You will find here further information. We advise you to talk to your general practice Doctor, the personnel of your elderly care and your relatives or friends, in order to choose the course of action that best suits you.

You are given priority to the access of this vaccine from this day onwards since you are 75 or older. If you wish to be vaccinated, you need to register for it. You can be vaccinated by the personnel within your elderly care (IEPA, EMS, etc.). If you live outside of an elderly care, you can be vaccinated in a vaccination centre or, later on, by your GP or Pharmacist.

#### What to do to be vaccinated:

- register online at <https://www.ge.ch/se-faire-vacciner-contre-covid-19/inscription-vaccination>
- or call the 0800 909 400

Depending on the amount of vaccines available in the canton, you may need to wait a short while before getting an appointment. The free-of-charge cantonal number can answer your questions at the 0800 909 400.

Please accept, Sir, Madam, my best salutations.

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