

MEDIA RELEASE

COVID-19 Vaccination for Community Care Staff

- First batch of 50 staff at Ren Ci Nursing Home received their vaccine jab -

Singapore, 11 January 2021 – 50 staff at Ren Ci @ Bukit Batok St.52 are amongst the first in the Community Care sector to receive their Pfizer-BioNtech produced COVID-19 vaccines today.

The Agency for Integrated Care (AIC) is working closely with nursing homes to start the rollout of vaccinations to all care staff working in the community care sector and Ren Ci nursing home staff, 66 years old Assistant Director of Nursing, Ms Elsie Teo, was the first staff to receive her injection. “After almost a year of dealing with COVID-19, I am glad that we are beginning to see some light at the end of the tunnel with the development of the vaccine. I am thankful we are prioritised to be vaccinated now. It gives me added assurance on top of existing safe management measures that I can continue to deliver safe care to the residents in the nursing home.”

The administering of the COVID-19 vaccines was carried out onsite in the nursing home by Ren Ci’s internal team, following the prescribed safety guidelines by AIC and MOH closely. The management also held an online townhall last week to address staff’s concerns so that all staff can made an informed choice to receive the voluntary vaccination.

Joe Hau, CEO of Ren Ci Hospital said, “As care staff in the community care sector, we have a duty of care towards our elderly nursing home residents as well as day care clients to keep them safe. Taking the vaccination will also help protect us as well as our loved ones at home. I am glad to share that our staff understand the importance of vaccination and we have obtained an overall 80% vaccination take-up rate.”

Ren Ci staff in the other nursing home at Ang Mo Kio as well as community hospital will receive the vaccination in the coming weeks.

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About Ren Ci Hospital

Established since 1994, Ren Ci Hospital is one of the few charity healthcare institutions in Singapore to provide high quality and affordable medical, nursing and rehabilitative care services for the community, based on the principles of loving kindness and compassion. Ren Ci plays an integral role in supporting the healthcare needs of the elderly through adopting holistic way of delivering person-centred care.

Besides giving hope to the frail elderly by helping overcome their disabilities and teaching their families to care for them at home, Ren Ci also partners various community groups and social enterprises to give dignity back to the elderly.