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To: Our Families and Residents
From: Cindy Donovan, CEO
Date: January 5th, 2020
Re.: COVID-19 Update: Returned to Orange Phase and Vaccine Program

2020 is gone and we welcome 2021 even though the COVID-19 Pandemic continues to impact long-term care residents and facilities across the country. It looks like 2021 is going to start with a vaccine for our residents with the announcements of two (2) vaccines approved for use in Canada, we can finally see a light at the end of the tunnel. But we must stay vigilant in our infection prevention practices and adjust according to the risk level. The risk of spread has never been greater at this time. To date, Loch Lomond Villa has had 0 cases of COVID-19

Orange Pandemic Phase

I am sure by now you are aware that we find ourselves returning from the holiday season with a rise in COVID cases. Today, the entire NB Province has returned to the Orange Pandemic Phase. During these times, it is imperative that we are extra vigilant in our proven measures to keep our vulnerable populations safe. As such, **the following heightened restrictions will apply immediately until you are informed otherwise.**

1. Essential Care Partner visitation program is suspended. We do understand that our ECPs provide important support to a loved one, which may include support for meals, mobility, and/or mental well-being. By working together let's return to the Yellow Phase as soon as we can. End-of-life compassionate visiting will follow the Orange Phase guidelines.
2. Additional screening questions for all staff
3. Active screening for all staff reporting to work including essential health service providers
4. Loch Lomond Villa is offering on-site sentinel testing for asymptomatic staff every two weeks

Loch Lomond Villa Vaccine Campaign

Our team is currently finalizing the plan for vaccine administration. The provincial government is targeting the middle of January to begin vaccinations in our area. Vaccinations of our residents is the first step toward relaxing restrictions.

This letter has been sent to all Power of Attorneys (POA) of our residents via email and regular mail for those that do not have email. To have our residents vaccinated we must have consent forms signed by each resident's Power of Attorney or their responsible party verbally by phone verses getting in-person signatures. It is urgent that we gather the necessary consent forms. There will be two (2) consent forms that require signatures. A consent form for Loch Lomond Villa and one for the Province of New Brunswick. We will have consent signing next. One of our Vaccine Team Nurses will be reaching you by phone to carry out the informed consent procedure. We will be emailing/ mailing the Moderna Information Sheet and After-Care Information to each POA but our Vaccination Team of

RNs will be in contact to discuss this information. This will only take a few minutes but is extremely important. All your questions can be addressed by our Registered Nurses who will be providing information on the Moderna vaccine to you.

Loch Lomond Villa needs to be ready when our homes are notified that vaccine is available for our residents. We do not want any residents to miss out on receiving the vaccine. We are working at ensuring we have all the processes and procedures written for an organized rapid vaccine clinic. We will be supported by our Medical Team (Medical Director Dr. Taryn O'Neill, Dr. Eileen Quinn, Dr. Sania Dorey and Nurse Practitioner Adam Wilkins) along with our Loch Lomond Villa Vaccine Team, Public Health and Extramural Resources. Your resident's Physician will have reviewed their eligibility for receiving the vaccine in case their health and medical condition may contraindicate administration of the vaccine at this time. Loch Lomond Villa residents will be receiving the Moderna Vaccine. Below for your information are links to the Moderna vaccine documents.

Thank you once again for your continuous support and cooperation during our next steps of preventing COVID-19 from entering our homes. Having our residents all vaccinated is our exciting first step towards returning to normal life inside Loch Lomond Villa and the Village.

NOTE: RESIDENT CLOSET

At this time, we would like to ask for your help in cleaning out your loved one's closets. Your loved one may have received some new clothes over the holidays and our staff are finding many closets overstocked and difficult to put their laundry away. Thank you in advance for helping our teams once visitations begin again.

NOTE: CEDAR HOUSE

When you are visiting our Cedar House, we ask you to be aware that we have individuals with some severe allergies and therefore please do not bring in any peanuts/nuts. If you are bringing in food/treats for a resident, we ask you to give staff any items left so we can put them away safely.

NOTE: RESIDENT ROOM VISITING

When we return to the yellow phase and open our doors to ECP's once again, ECPs must remain on the houses of the resident they are supporting – preferably in the resident's room when at all possible. If they can control their whereabouts while visiting, they are asked to do so within the resident's room. Thank you.

RESIDENT SPECIFIC CONCERNS

In the past we have directed families to contact April Connor RN with any resident related inquiries. Moving forward, we ask that that family members only contact April with any general Pandemic/Infection Control inquiries. All resident specific questions are to be directed to the RN House Leader by contacting the specific house where your loved one lives.

ECP SCREENING QUESTIONNAIRES

We cannot stress enough how important it is that when ECP's come in to visit that they complete the Screening Questionnaire in full. This means completing your name, date, indicating that you are a

family member as well as answering all questions on the front and back and signing the back of the document. These questionnaires are maintained for 30 days as required by the Province of New Brunswick and would be used for contact tracing purposes in the event of a positive case within the Home. We thank you for taking the time to complete the information fully.

NOTE: MODERNA VACCINE INFORMATION

- Moderna's main information site : <https://www.modernacovid19global.com/ca/>
- Moderna's product monograph : <https://www.modernacovid19global.com/ca/product-monograph.pdf>

Happy New Year
Cindy