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To: Families, Residents and Staff
From: CEO Cindy
Date: January 6th, 2022
Re: 2022 COVID-19 Update #1

Welcome to 2022! For all of us at Loch Lomond Villa, we were blessed that we could remain open to our Essential Care Partners throughout the entire holidays.

On January 4th, the province of New Brunswick implemented changes to their pandemic guidelines with respect to testing, isolation, and contact tracing strategies. Due to the strain on the Public Health team, they can no longer manage contact tracing, timely processing of PCR tests or the supply of and distribution of POCT kits in our province. The impact on staffing and hospitalizations will be unprecedented.

We continue to focus our efforts to mitigate the risk of transmission, preserve our staffing numbers, and protect our residents and staff. Loch Lomond Villa was proactive and over the holidays set up our own daily drive-thru PCR testing clinic for staff who are symptomatic or have tested positive on a POCT. We require our staff before reporting to work as well as any visitors entering our home to take a POC Test. We believe the practice of testing everyone that enters our doors in addition to proper hand hygiene, wearing a mask, and maintaining social distancing where possible, are the necessary Best Practices to protect our residents and each other.

COVID-19 has forced us all to change how we live, work and care for one another. This experience over the past 22 months has made clear the importance of differentiating between visitors and Essential Care Partners (ECP) that play a critical role in resident health and well-being.

Loch Lomond Villa recognizes ECPs as essential partners on our care teams. ECPs play key roles in the social, emotional, and physical support of resident's experience and quality of life. We all have done a great job, but now is not the time to let our guard down.

The following Loch Lomond Villa practices will continue to be enforced at this time:

- No visiting when ill, our signage at the entrances state not to enter if unwell.
- ECPs **must always wear** a **medical grade mask which will be provided to you, perform frequent hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette.**
- Proof of vaccination is required to be shown at each visit. Soon we hope to set up a program where this will not be required for our ECPs.
- Entertainment events and all social activities will be limited to residents only. **ECPs are not to attend communal activities.**
- ECPs can only be visiting with their loved one in their bedroom, ensuring physical distancing travelling to and from the resident's room, not visiting other residents, and are unable to eat with the residents as this would require the ECP to remove their mask.
- Visitation capacity is now limited to the designated **two ECPs per resident.**
- Rapid Point of Care Testing will continue and must be completed with every visit as part of our screening process.
- It is strongly recommended for no offsite visits at this time due to the escalating number of cases in our community.
- Residents who return to the Nursing Home or Special Care Home after being on an offsite visit in the community will need to participate in daily POC testing for 14 days upon their return. A risk assessment will be done. The Resident may be required to isolate.

As the situation in the province continues to evolve, Loch Lomond Villa may need to adjust our practices. We will keep you informed as time permits.

Thank you and stay safe!
Cindy