



LOCH LOMOND VILLA MEMORANDUM

To: Loch Lomond Villa Families and Friends
From: Cindy Donovan, CEO
Date: October 1st, 2021
Re: Possible COVID-19 Exposure and Re-opening Plan

Here we find ourselves shifting and changing gears again. A possible COVID-19 exposure has taken place over the last week at Loch Lomond Villa. We responded quickly and acted promptly ensuring the safety of the residents, employees, and yourselves by closing our doors to prevent any possible movement of the virus if results were not negative.

Since our last communication to you one week ago, Premier Blaine Higgs announced we were returning to a State of Emergency Friday September 24th as Covid numbers are rapidly climbing.

Today we share with you some great news! All results from the first tests conducted on 7 residents and 10 staff who were considered possible exposure contacts were negative. We are very blessed to have received such good news. We are still waiting on the second round of testing results that were taken this past Monday on September 27th. Due to the backlog of testing for Public Health, processing has been much slower unfortunately for all of us as we have not received those results. We have not received an all clear from Public Health that it is safe to re-open **so we must remain closed**. Once we get the all clear from Public Health we will immediately notify all families when we will be reopening to all visitors.

On reopening, we require all visitors to show proof of being fully vaccinated (having received 2 doses of the vaccine) on entry by showing a vaccine document and government issued ID to our screeners. Visiting Hours are: 10:00am to 12 noon and 1:00pm to 6:00pm. These times are in the process of being reassessed and any changes will be communicated to our families.

Dr. Russell also shared in Wednesday's briefing, that Long Term Care residents will begin receiving a Covid Booster vaccination in October. Booster vaccination dates will be shared once we confirm

a timeline on this. Influenza season begins in November. Our annual resident Influenza Vaccination clinic will kick off the week of October 18-22nd. Dr. Russell stated that The National Advisory Committee on Immunization makes it possible for us to provide both vaccines at or near the same time. There is no waiting period between vaccines and is considered safe.

Over the next week or so you will be receiving a call from one of our RN House Leaders to discuss this and to obtain consents for the Covid Booster, the annual Influenza vaccine and use of antivirals should we have an Influenza outbreak. This will be required before Vaccine clinics begin. We also encourage you if you have not yet had your first or 2nd Covid Vaccine dose to book your appointment and to get your annual Flu shot as soon as you are able to.

We thank you for your patience as we work through these challenging times. We appreciate your help in remaining vigilant of any symptoms and postponing your visit with your loved one if you're feeling unwell.

Cindy