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Date: February 22nd, 2021
To: Families and Residents
From: Cindy Donovan, CEO
Re.: COVID Update

Essential Care Partner Program

I would like to thank all our Essential Care Partners who participated in our COVID Sentinel testing clinic on February 10th. **Your next COVID testing clinic is scheduled for this Thursday, February 25th from 12 noon to 6 pm.** You will not require a set appointment time. We are asking you to arrive when it is convenient for you between 12:00 noon and 6:00 p.m. Please enter through the Wellness Centre's outside door where you will be met by a staff member who will complete the necessary screening of each ECP.

I must stress that the designated ECP confirmed visits occur **only if you have been advised by Public Health that you have a negative result** from your most recent COVID test. ECPs are required to be actively screened upon entry to the Home and will be asked to report their COVID test results. We thank you for your cooperation and understanding that these safety measures are being taken as an enhanced precaution for our Villa community. All ECPs will be required to be tested every 2 weeks as long as they have no COVID symptoms.

We do need to remind our ECPs that they are not to enter the home until the Staff who will screen you upon entering buzzes you into the home. If you have questions or inquiries on any of our infection prevention practices, please reach out to the House RN when you are visiting.

Moderna Vaccine

We are thrilled to share with you that 90% of our residents are fully vaccinated with the Moderna COVID Vaccine and 94% of residents are vaccinated from the seasonal flu. As part of this past week's massive COVID vaccine clinic, residents were monitored closely for any possible side effects from the vaccine. On February 17th when our residents received their 2nd or 1st vaccine, we were very pleased that there were only minor symptoms experienced to the vaccine. Residents who have only received the 1st dose of the vaccine will receive their 2nd as scheduled either at Loch Lomond Villa or at another clinic in the city. We are waiting on more information from Public Health and will advise as soon as we are informed.

We are pleased to share that as of this date we have 121 staff fully vaccinated and 13 staff who have received their 1st vaccine. We will be conducting a massive staff Vaccine clinic this Friday where we hope to have the majority of our staff vaccinated with their 1st dose of vaccine.

As vaccination clinics roll out across the province in Nursing Homes and residents and staff become vaccinated against COVID-19, we would like to take the opportunity to remind you, that our staff, residents and our residents' loved ones that **all** current Public Health measures must continue to be in place for the time being regardless of an individual's vaccination status. Vaccination is an added layer to our multi-layered approach to protecting our most vulnerable from COVID-19, and we need to stay the course for a little longer.

All COVID-19 vaccines currently approved in Canada have been shown to be highly effective at preventing a person from getting sick with COVID-19 and decreasing the severity of their illness. Studies are currently ongoing to better understand how COVID-19 vaccination affects transmission, and whether vaccinated individuals may still be carriers of the infection and transmit to others. Therefore, it's extremely important to continue to abide by Public Health measures including but not limited to:

- physical distancing,
- wearing a mask,
- hand/respiratory hygiene,
- screening for symptoms/exposure
- testing including symptomatic and sentinel (asymptomatic)
- following all directions/instructions given to you by Public Health
- self-isolating/staying home when sick, and
- limiting close contacts.

Although we have reached a milestone in our fight against COVID-19 during this pandemic, we must all continue to ensure the measures that protect our most vulnerable remain in place until Public Health has determined restrictions can be eased or lifted.

Thank you for your continued support.
Cindy