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Weekly Family Update

April 20th, 2020

Dear Families & Friends of Grandview Lodge,

We are very happy to hear that the Premier has declared that LTC is a top priority. The government has released some new directives last week. Here are the highlights.

COVID19: Long-Term Care Homes Declared Top Priority

The following information is from the April 17th, 2020 Ontario Association of Residents' Councils Bulletin. If you would like an e-mail copy of the full bulletin please contact me at aappel@haldimandcounty.on.ca.

The government released a 3-point action plan to support LTC homes in the prevention of the spread of COVID-19. To view the complete document click here:

<http://www.ontarc.com/documents/MOHLTC/20200417MOH-MLTC-CMOH-OHMemoCOVID-19LTCHActionPlan.pdf>

Highlights include:

- A) Aggressive testing, screening and surveillance:
 - COVID-19 testing for residents and staff has been expanded. Public health units plus additional health sector resources (i.e. hospital staff and paramedics) are being deployed to support additional requirements.
 - Testing of asymptomatic residents and staff in homes across Ontario to undertake broader surveillance activities.
 - A sample of homes that are not in outbreak will be tested to determine the presence of COVID-19 as part of surveillance measures.
 - If a resident is being testing for COVID-19 the home area where the resident resides will be in isolation till the results come back negative. This means for Grandview Lodge that residents will be staying in their own rooms for all meal services. Additional staff will be available during this time.
- B) Managing outbreaks and spread of COVID-19:
 - Public health units perform risk assessments for all homes
 - Infection prevention and control expertise from across the health sector will be staged and ready to go (regional teams assembled by Ontario Health, teams will be deployed to highest risk homes starting within 48 hours of this release)



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- Training for staff so they know proper infection prevention and control techniques
- PPE (Personal Protective Equipment): guidance provided on conservation and management of PPE, and distribution of PPE to homes that are in need.
- C) Growing our Heroic LTC workforce:
 - Redeploy healthcare workers from hospitals and home care resources where there are fewer patient volumes
 - Provide emergency funding for infection prevention and containment to homes. This funding can be used to hire additional staff, or for topping up part-time workers to full time workers, etc.
- **Hospitals will not transfer people to LTC homes:** To protect residents of LTC homes across Ontario, the government has asked Ontario hospitals to temporarily refrain from sending people to LTC homes. To view the complete document, click here:
<http://www.ontarc.com/documents/MOHLTC/20200415TemporaryPauseTransitioningPatientstoLTCHandRH.pdf>



Individual activities such as colouring is a great way to keep



occupied and busy during this time. Now that the nicer weather it's on its way getting outside is so important to get that fresh air that everyone needs.

Our thoughts continue to be with all our families and friends during this challenging time. If you need or require any additional information please don't hesitate to contact us. Please stay safe and healthy everyone.

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