



Grandview Lodge

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Hello Grandview Lodge Residents, Family and Friends

It has been a busy couple of weeks here in the home and our focus has been on ensuring all Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC) measures are in place so that we can manage our current outbreak and as you may have heard, preparing for the Pfizer vaccine role out that happened last Thursday.

Outbreak Update:

All residents have tested negative for COVID-19. Any resident who develops symptoms associated with COVID-19 are immediately swabbed as a precautionary measure, even when there may be a reasonable differential diagnosis for the symptom. We will not make assumptions and always err on the side of caution when it comes to the health and safety of our GVL family.

We are pleased to report the staff member, who tested positive, has made a full recovery and is back to work. There was no transmission identified to other staff members as our staff surveillance swabs have returned negative. Due to the number of LTC homes in an outbreak and the requirement for weekly testing, results are a bit slower to come in as labs work diligently to keep up with the demand.

Recently we had an additional staff member develop symptoms and subsequently test positive. This staff member does not have frequent or prolonged contact with residents, is diligent with the use of PPE while in the Home, and as such presents a low risk for transmission.

Residents remain in their rooms, staff remain assigned to designated home areas (cohorts) and IPAC measures are followed. We continue to work closely with the Haldimand and Norfolk Public Health Unit in our outbreak management strategy.

Vaccine Update:

On Thursday January 14th the Pfizer vaccine was offered to residents who had consented to administration and to as many consenting staff members as possible, which was directed by the availability of doses.

This was the initial vaccine rollout and we are anticipating additional dates in the near future which will focus on any resident who was not vaccinated on the 14th for various reasons and to remaining staff who wish to receive it.

Many of you have contacted us to ask about the availability of vaccine for essential caregivers. At this time we do not have information on this phase of the vaccination plan and I want to

reassure you that any essential caregiver who has identified themselves as a willing participant in the vaccination plan is on our list that has been shared with public health.

Statistics to date:

Percentage of consenting residents vaccinated 96%

Percentage of consenting staff vaccinated 46%

Percentage of consenting essential caregivers vaccinated – not offered at this time

Please note that any concerns related to the health and wellbeing of residents will be communicated directly to the resident's family or POA. These updates are intended to be a communication tool between the GVL family at large and do not take priority over tasks that have a direct impact on resident wellbeing. Should you at anytime require additional information or have concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the registered staff of your home area or any member of the management team.

Thank you to all residents, staff, family and friends for your ongoing support of our home.

We are in this together.

Jennifer