



Grandview Lodge

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February 1, 2021

Dear Grandview Lodge Residents, Family and Friends,

I am writing to advise you that Grandview Lodge with the support of our Medical Director, Attending Physician, General Manager and CAO; is moving forward with ending Resident room isolation for the remainder of this outbreak. We will however, continue to operate under unit isolation, meaning that Residents will be able to move freely within their unit, but will not be able to leave the unit.

After careful consideration of all the factors, a review of best practice guidelines and a risk analysis that looked at the real or potential risk/benefit factors as they relate to the transmission of COVID-19 in the home, and the psychosocial impacts of prolonged room isolation, we have determined at this time Residents are more likely to, and in some cases have actual, negative health outcomes due to the ongoing room isolation.

At the onset of this outbreak staff who tested positive worked in an administrative or support service capacity and did not have direct contact with Residents, resulting in a low risk for transmission, however these staff were symptomatic and a heightened approach to outbreak management was warranted for the safety of all. The anticipated end date for the outbreak was set for January 29, 2021. Last week a member of the nursing team tested positive through the weekly surveillance swabs which resulted in a continuation of the outbreak until February 9, 2020.

The staff who tested positive was and remains asymptomatic, furthermore they could not identify any time where they may have had a high risk exposure. Their family members subsequently tested negative and at that time, a decision was made to retest the staff member. The second test was negative. All Residents living on the home area where the staff member works have been tested and all results are negative.

Taking this information into account and considering the negative impacts ongoing room isolation has on the emotional wellbeing of our Residents; reduced appetite, increased responsive behaviours and physical impacts such as reduced mobility, we have determined that the risks associated with room isolation outweigh the risk of transmission at this time. This decision was not made lightly and we appreciate the support from the authorities mentioned above.

If circumstances should change in the home, it may be determined that reverting to room isolation is necessary in the event the risk of transmission should increase within the home. However, at this time we believe the transmission risk remains low. Should any Resident/ POA feel it is in their best interest to remain in room isolation the home will support that decision and their meals and care needs will continue to be provided to them in their room. Please advise your RN/RPN or the Director of Nursing if this is your choice.

As always Grandview Lodge remains committed to providing a safe environment for our Residents and we are dedicated to a Resident centered approach as our guidance in our decision-making processes.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Stay Well,

Jennifer