



Long Term Care Home

April 22, 2020

To: All Residents, Family Members  
and Staff of Moira Place

### **Staff Member on Leave Tests Positive for COVID-19**

We were informed today that one of our staff members tested positive yesterday for COVID-19. The individual has not worked since April 8<sup>th</sup>, almost 14 days ago. They came to work on April 12<sup>th</sup>, but failed screening and were sent home without entering the building. We are working with Public Health and will follow their direction for "contact tracing" of the affected employee and whether further testing will be conducted. We will share more information when/if it becomes available.

We are confident in the measures we have in place to keep residents and staff safe. Some reasons for this confidence are as follows:

- We've had an ongoing respiratory outbreak in our Heritage Home Area since April 15<sup>th</sup> that is NOT COVID-19, **with 11 residents already tested**. All tests were negative for COVID-19.
- Since April 15<sup>th</sup> we have been cohorting our staff in Heritage and will continue with this course of action, to keep the current non-COVID-19 outbreak contained.
- On April 9<sup>th</sup> we adopted "Universal Masking" of all staff (immediately after the last day of work of the individual who tested positive).
- Since April 1<sup>st</sup> we have been taking the temperatures of all residents and all staff members twice each day, as a means to detect fever and the presence of COVID-19.

At this time I will highlight a few precautions that we all need to continue to follow:

- Staff are not to come to work when they are not well, particularly with symptoms that are identified in the screening forms that you fill out each shift.
- Follow good hand hygiene and coughing / sneezing etiquette
- Practice social / physical distancing at all times

We will continue to take actions that promote the health and safety of our residents and team members as our first priority. As mentioned, we will share more information when/if it becomes available. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Michael O'Keefe,  
Administrator