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To: Residents, Family Members, and Staff  
of the Gardens of Peterborough

## **Gardens Surveillance Testing Update**

On May 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup>, “surveillance testing” was conducted at Royal Gardens, Princess Gardens, and Canterbury Gardens under the supervision of Public Health. The goal of the exercise was to perform COVID-19 tests on all residents and staff in order to identify any previously unknown and/or asymptomatic cases.

The testing went very well and only took about a half-day to complete in each Home. We thank all residents and staff for their cooperation in this initiative. (Empress Gardens was fully tested a couple of weeks ago, due to a testing error that caused an outbreak to be declared from a single false-positive test.)

Today Public Health reported preliminary surveillance test results to the media. We are unclear whether all tests have been finalized, but the Medical Officer of Health has indicated that only one positive test was found – in a competitor retirement home. In total, 3500 tests were done in local long-term care and retirement homes, and the results so far from all Gardens of Peterborough locations have been clear.

We will continue to monitor the situation, if there are further test results still to come in, or if Public Health provides further updates.

So far, all AON Homes have done an excellent job of keeping COVID-19 outside of their doors. We congratulate our staff on their diligent efforts in this regard. Be well and stay safe.

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