



December 23, 2020

To: All Residents, Families, and Staff

Notice of Positive COVID Test in a Staff Member

We have been informed by the Public Health Unit that one of our staff who works in our Hawthorn home area has tested positive for COVID-19. The Health Unit has asked us to isolate residents in this area only, rather than declare an outbreak for the entire Home until a false-positive result is ruled out. As an isolated case, if the test is confirmed as positive, we assume it was the result of contact in the community, rather than internal to Moira Place.

Nevertheless, out of an abundance of caution we immediately put our outbreak management plan into effect. All staff and residents are being immediately tested. (Staff were all tested last week.) Staff have been cohorted and residents will be eating in their rooms, with no congregate dining or activities. All visits and absences have been cancelled, three days earlier than they would have been cancelled under the provincewide Shutdown order that takes effect on Boxing Day.

We are consulting with the Health Unit and following provincial infection prevention and control directives. We are confident in the measures we have in place, including:

- Active screening of anyone who enters our Home.
- Staff have been tested every two weeks and the temperatures of all residents and all staff are taken twice each day.
- Enhanced cleaning and disinfection protocols are in place.
- Universal masking is in place for all staff and visitors, and was implemented for residents in alignment with the recent provincial directive.
- We have more than sufficient personal protective equipment (PPE), if needed.

We will continue to take actions that promote the health and safety of our residents and team members as our first priority. This is unfortunate timing, which seems to have been the standard throughout the remarkable year we've all experienced in 2020.

We will keep you updated as we get more information. You can also find news through our website communication page: <https://aoninc.com/covid19-communications.php>

Sincerely,

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