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To: All Residents, Families, and Staff

Outbreak Protocols Implemented

This note is to advise you that we have implemented “outbreak” protocols at the direction of Public Health. Five residents in one Home Area have had preliminary positive results through rapid antigen testing. We are in the process of confirming these results through lab-based PCR tests. The affected residents have either mild symptoms at this time or are presently asymptomatic. We continue to monitor residents and staff for signs and symptoms of the virus.

All residents are being asked to remain in their rooms and group activities have been cancelled. Staff cohorting is in place. Of course all visits and absences have been cancelled anyway, as part of the recent provincial directives. Essential caregiver visitors can continue to visit residents, with a maximum of one (1) designated essential caregivers per resident.

Virtually 100% of our residents have received both of their COVID vaccinations as well as the recommended booster shot, which appears to provide excellent protection against the virus and, in particular, against the Omicron variant. Our staff are all fully vaccinated, and most have had their boosters.

Most residents also received a fourth dose of vaccine earlier this week. While the vaccine may not prevent the transmission of omicron, it has proven to be very effective at reducing serious illness and hospitalizations – especially among those with third (and fourth) doses. *If you are eligible for your booster, we strongly recommend that you get that as soon as you can.*

We will keep you updated as we get more information.

Sincerely,

Debbie Look

Debbie Look, Administrator