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To: All Residents, Families, and Staff

### **Outbreak Update**

While Centennial Place remains under COVID-19 “outbreak” protocols, the good news is that residents have been recovering nicely. Only three active resident cases remain and we expect those to resolve shortly. This progress is a testament to staff diligence with infection prevention protocols. The three residents remain in our Cohorting Zone, waiting for their isolation period to end.

More importantly, the ability of residents to resolve is also a testament to the effectiveness of vaccine “booster” shots against the omicron variant. As reported, virtually 100% of our residents have received the recommended booster/third dose. The majority have now had their fourth dose, as recommended by the Ministry of Health, as well.

With the outbreak appearing to wind down, we are also happy to report that Public Health has allowed us to reopen our dining rooms. We are still being cautious, however. Staff cohorting remains in place. Surveillance testing continues as per Public Health and Ministry of Long-Term Care guidelines. And, as a reminder, all visits and absences have been cancelled as per provincial directives. Essential caregiver visitors can continue to visit residents, with a maximum of one (1) designated essential caregiver per resident.

Finally, I can't emphasize this enough: *If you are eligible, please get your booster shot (third dose) as soon as you can. The vaccine works.* It helps keep staff and their families healthy – and available to work – and, especially, it prevents hospitalizations and deaths among our residents and all older adults.

Sincerely,

*Debbie Look*

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