



January 21, 2022

To: All Residents and Families

Moira Place Update

I want to give you an update on what's happening in the Home now and current restrictions that Public Health has put in place, specifically relating to our Hawthorn and Mulberry home areas.

Two of our staff members have tested positive for COVID through our regular surveillance testing program. One person works in Hawthorn and the other works in Mulberry. Public Health determined through contact-tracing that both infections were acquired outside of the home. As a precaution, we tested all residents in both of these home areas, as well as all staff working there, and all have come back negative so far. No residents in the Home currently have COVID-19.

The good news is that Public Health does not consider this to be an "outbreak", so most activities continue and *no residents have been isolated to in their rooms*. However, Public Health has directed us to keep Hawthorn and Mulberry residents in their respective home areas (i.e. "cohorted") and to not mingle in other areas of the Home. Essential Caregiver visitors can continue to visit; however you must wear full personal protective equipment (PPE) and only visit in your resident's room. We will conduct more testing on Monday and, pending results that show no presence of the virus, we will be able to lift these restrictions on Tuesday January 25th.

Resident social absences continue to be on hold, as announced by the Province at the end of December. They did not specify an end date, just that this rule would be in place for 6-8 weeks. General visits are not permitted as part of the same announcement, except for end-of-life visits.

I want to apologize for not communicating the restrictions on Hawthorn and Mulberry earlier to those family members and residents affected. It was an oversight. Please note that, given the current omicron environment, *special precautions due to contact-tracing may arise at any time*. We will verbally inform the residents and Substitute Decision Makers of these events, including the health status of individuals, should specific issues occur. However, we will not do formal, written communications in these cases. If "outbreak" protocols are implemented or if widespread restrictions are put into place, we will communicate formally and in writing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Michael O'Keeffe".

Michael O'Keeffe,
Administrator