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## **Princess Gardens in Outbreak Protocols**

Dear Residents, Family Members, and Staff:

We have just had three residents test positive for COVID-19. Two of those cases are considered to be linked and, as a result, Public Health has asked us to put our Enriched Care area into “outbreak” protocols. The rest of the Home is largely unaffected.

In the Enriched Care area **only**, the outbreak protocols include:

- Cancellation of all general visits
- Cancellation of group programs and activities
- Residents are to remain in their rooms, with tray service for all meals
- Essential Care Visitors can still visit, but are limited to one visitor at a time, with additional PPE requirements

The cases were identified through intensive testing once a single resident was identified as having minor symptoms through routine surveillance. *The other two residents are asymptomatic* at this time. All staff were tested as well, but no staff cases were identified. The residents that tested positive have been isolated in our “cohorting” area, with designated staff assigned to them. Their families have been contacted. Enhanced monitoring has been implemented for all residents and staff.

Visits to the rest of the building can continue per Public Health instructions. We continue to complete rapid antigen tests for visitors, contactors, and staff. All eligible residents have received their 4<sup>th</sup> vaccine dose, which should provide some additional protection. All of our staff are fully-vaccinated and those eligible have had their booster-shot.

This news is a reminder that, despite the Province loosening restrictions, COVID-19 continues to circulate in our community and is a risk to the elderly or those with compromised immune systems. **We must continue to be vigilant** and diligently practice all remaining COVID safety measures and precautions. We will inform you if/when circumstances change.

Sincerely,

*Tim Newman*  
Executive Director