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Princess Gardens in Outbreak Protocols

Dear Residents, Family Members, and Staff:

We have just had two residents test positive for COVID-19. These cases are considered to be linked and, as a result, Public Health has asked us to put our Independent Retirement area into “outbreak” protocols. The rest of the Home is largely unaffected with the exception of a few Enriched care residents.

In the Independent 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 surveillance testing after a single resident was identified as having minor symptoms and tested positive. *The other resident is asymptomatic.* We are in the process of testing all Independent residents at this time. No staff cases have been identified.

Visits to the Enriched Care area can continue per Public Health instructions. We continue to complete rapid antigen tests for visitors, contactors, and staff. All eligible residents have received their 4th 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