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## **Princess Gardens in Outbreak Protocols - Update**

Dear Residents, Family Members, and Staff:

On Monday March 14, we completed our 2<sup>nd</sup> round PCR testing for all residents in the outbreak area of the home. I'm happy to report that the test results were all negative for COVID 19.

However, we did have a single staff member test positive while on their days off, with positive cases in their household. Originally Public Health ruled that the outbreak would need to continue for another 10 days with the continuation of isolation. Through some investigation and advocacy, we worked with public health to determine that the staff contact was not directly related Princess Gardens.

So what this all means is that the Enriched Care area will still be considered in outbreak but we will modify our protocols to the following:

1. Residents who are fully vaccinated, have tested negative on their last PCR and are asymptomatic have been removed from isolation.
2. Residents removed from isolation will commence meals in the dining room this evening providing that we restrict service to two residents per table.
3. Activities will re-commence but will be cohorted between enriched care and independent retirement. We will not have combined activities until the outbreak is deemed over.

The residents that originally tested positive completed their isolation period over the weekend, the final resident to test positive remains asymptomatic.

Peterborough Public Health has referred to the outbreak as "controlled" which speaks to the infection control standards that we have maintained through the course of the pandemic. I would like to thank all the staff here at Princess Gardens for all of their hard work in maintaining these standards and working tirelessly through the outbreak to look after our residents.

We will continue to collaborate with Peterborough Public Health, implementing all protocols as directed while we await their declaration that the outbreak status can be lifted. We will inform you if/when circumstances change.

Sincerely,

*Tim Newman*  
Executive Director