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## **COVID-19 Cases Identified in Three Residents**

Dear Residents, Family Members, and Staff:

Three positive cases of COVID-19 have been identified in residents at Royal Gardens. The first case was detected through rapid antigen testing and confirmed through lab-based PCR test. This resident was experiencing mild symptoms and has been isolating since. It is a similar situation for the two additional residents, with their close contacts also placed on isolation.

Public Health has determined that these circumstances warrant that a facility wide “outbreak” be declared for our Home. The following control measures are being implemented, including:

- Residents will be tested as per Public Health recommendations.
- Visits by General Visitors have been suspended. Essential caregiver visitors can continue to visit, wearing full PPE, with a maximum of one (1) caregiver per resident. Please schedule your visit in advance with our front desk.
- The dining rooms will remain open.
- Activities have been cancelled. Arrangements for one-on-one activities and virtual visits will be put into place.
- Residents are to reschedule any non-urgent medical appointments. Non-essential outings are to be rescheduled altogether.
- We are cohorting our staff and they are all being tested as well.

While the vaccine may not prevent the transmission of COVID-19, it has proven to be very effective at reducing serious illness and hospitalizations – especially among those with third (and fourth) doses. If you are eligible for a booster, we strongly recommend that you get it as soon as you can. Almost 100% of our residents have received four COVID vaccinations, which appear to provide excellent protection against this virus. By policy, our staff are all fully vaccinated.

Thank you for your ongoing cooperation and commitment to ensuring the safety of residents and staff as we navigate the evolving landscape of the COVID-19 pandemic. We will provide updates as circumstances change.

*Jade Harper*  
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