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Royal Gardens Outbreak – Declared Over

Dear Residents, Family Members, and Staff:

We have managed to work through the latest “outbreak”. Public Health will remove the outbreak status for Royal Gardens as of today. In doing so, group activities, social gatherings, and general visits can recommence once again.

As a reminder, please ensure that you book your visit in advance with the front desk. Staff and Essential Visitors and General Visitors must pass active screening. Physical distancing, hand hygiene and medical masks are required to be worn for the duration of your visit, including in residents’ suites. The number of visitors is still based on the capacity of the location where the visit will take place and should allow sufficient space for physical distancing (at least 2 metres) between all participants. It is strongly recommended that residents wear a medical mask also.

Also, short term absences are again permitted. Residents must follow public health measures during their absence and participate in active screening upon their return. All residents, regardless of vaccination status, are required to perform a RAT test upon return to the home and a PCR test on day 5 of return. No isolation is required unless the resident receives a positive test result or is symptomatic.

By way of information, the clinical presentation of COVID-19 is as follows: fever (typically greater than 37.8C), chills, cough, headache, shortness of breath, abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting, and/or diarrhea, sore throat, hoarseness or difficulty swallowing, runny nose, stuffy nose, nasal congestion, pink eye, muscle aches and pain, fatigue, tiredness and/or malaise, decreased or loss of appetite, taste and/or smell. Please do not visit with your loved one if any one of these signs or symptoms are your experience.

I want to commend the Royal Gardens staff for diligent infection protection and control practices to contain the spread of the virus – especially given the significant spread that the community has been experiencing recently.

Finally, I cannot emphasize enough that, despite the Province loosening restrictions, COVID-19 continues to circulate in our community and is a risk to the elderly and those with compromised immune systems. We should continue to be vigilant and public health measures should be always practiced.

Jade Harper
Executive Director