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Dear Family Member,

Earlier today, Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health stated that due to the resurgence of respiratory illnesses and the surge in patients going to hospitals, that masks are strongly recommended in all indoor settings.

Effective immediately, our Long-Term Care homes are reinstating the requirement to wear masks when a visitor is alone with a resident in their room.

This requirement goes above and beyond the current LTC Ministry guidance, however, given the level of community spread, our Leadership Team felt it was an important change to be made. We will monitor the situation closely, adjusting as warranted.

It is also strongly recommended that you stay up to date with your COVID-19 immunizations and that you get your annual influenza vaccination. This adds another layer of protection for you and your loved ones.

I want to thank everyone for your continued support and if you have any questions or concerns about anything in this letter or otherwise, please contact the home or me.

*Laura MacDermaid*