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Dear Family Member,

Region of Durham Long-Term Care COVID-19 Update

Please be advised that effective today, if you are an essential caregiver or a general visitor who is permitted to visit the resident indoors and both you and the resident are fully vaccinated, you will not be required to wear a face shield during the visit.

To be considered fully vaccinated, you must have received the total required number of doses of a COVID-19 vaccine approved by Health Canada and received your final dose of the COVID-19 vaccine at least 14 days ago.

If you are an essential caregiver and have not yet been vaccinated, please consider doing so as vaccination is the best way to protect yourself and others from getting COVID-19. Your first dose vaccine clinic appointment can be booked directly through the applicable online portal or the call-in line. For Durham Region clinics, the portal link is www.durham.ca/vaccineappointment and the call-in number is 1-888-444- 5113. Visit <https://www.durham.ca/CovidVaccines> for the latest information on current priority groups eligible to receive a vaccine in Durham Region.

Essential caregivers are no longer required to wait for the result of their Rapid Antigen test prior to entering the home. If the result is positive, a staff member will advise you immediately of next steps.

I am also happy to share since the Province is moving to Step 2 of the re-opening strategy effective June 30, our hair salons will be re-opening. The home will advise you of the specific date for re-opening as soon we have been notified by the salon operator.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me or to a member of the management team at the LTC home.

Thank you for your ongoing support and we look forward to a continued return to normal in the months ahead.

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