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Dear Family Member,

Region of Durham Long-Term Care COVID-19 Update

Our homes continue to follow all directives issued by the Ministry of Long-Term Care (MLTC) and guidance from the Health Department.

Vaccinations

We are currently in the fourth wave of the COVID-19 pandemic. Vaccination remains the best way to protect yourself and others. The majority of new COVID-19 cases in Ontario are in unvaccinated or partially vaccinated individuals.

If you 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 <u>www.durham.ca/vaccineappointment</u> and the call-in number is 1-888-444-5113.

A Few Reminders

Fully vaccinated visitors are permitted to eat and drink inside the resident's room and during an outdoor visit. If you are not fully vaccinated, you are asked to refrain from eating or drinking during your visit.

All visitors are reminded to please wear your face covering at all times while visiting, except when eating or drinking.

Pets are currently not permitted to accompany visitors. Exceptions will be made for residents who have been deemed palliative.

If you have any questions about anything in this update, 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.

Laura MacDermaid