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Dear Family Member,

Region of Durham Long-Term Care COVID-19 Update

Our efforts to contain the COVID-19 pandemic continue across our four long-term care homes. As of November 5th, the outbreak at Lakeview Manor has been resolved. On November 8th, Hillsdale Terraces declared an outbreak after one staff member tested positive as part of our surveillance testing. Routine testing and enhanced screening are important measures to continue to keep the virus at bay across our homes, especially considering COVID-19 cases are on the rise in Durham Region. Thank you for your support in following our clinical direction to ensure the safety of our residents and staff.

Visitor Testing

The Region of Durham continues to see community transmission of COVID-19. To ensure the virus remains out of long-term care, all visitors are required to show proof of their negative test results within the last 14 days on every visit to the home. Testing locations can be accessed by going to www.covid-19.ontario.ca. We are hoping that a mobile assessment clinic will be established in Beaverton soon so those people visiting at Lakeview Manor will not have to travel so far to get a test. Proof must include the results of the test and the name of the person tested and may be in an electronic format or hard copy. If you do not have access to a printer or smart phone, the staff at the home can look up your most recent test if you provide your healthcare number. Visitors will be refused entry without proof of current testing.

Influenza Vaccination

While COVID-19 remains an urgent priority, seasonal influenza season has begun. Staff and resident immunization has been completed and I would encourage all visitors to get their influenza vaccination as soon as possible. Please contact your local pharmacy or primary care provider to get your flu shot.

Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day activities for veterans in our homes will continue this year. However, activities will focus on veterans in the home with no general participation from the broader community. COVID-19 restrictions prevent large indoor gatherings. Please contact your home if you have any questions about this year's Remembrance Day services.

Summary

COVID-19 continues to impact long-term care across the country. We will continue to focus on strategies that are guided by evidence and that work to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our residents, visitors, and staff. Please continue to reach out to your home's leadership team if you have any questions in how you can best support these efforts. Thank you again for your help!

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