

October 8, 2020

Good Afternoon Family and Friends,

As you are aware, our city is still an Orange Zone. With this we are maintaining the extra precautions needed. As of this morning there are seven Personal Care Homes in outbreak.

We are extremely happy that we are still Covid-19 free. To date we have had 30 Elders and 27 staff members test negative for Covid-19. All new admissions to our home, re-admissions if in hospital and anyone with cold symptoms are tested.

Some of you may have noticed that our Outdoor Visitation Shelter has been placed to the north side of our home. They continue to work on the electrical and are building a vestibule to connect it to the Home. We still anticipate completion by November 1<sup>st</sup>. We would like to start the Outdoor Visitation Shelter (Pod) visits as soon as possible after completion.

The work on the Indoor Visitation Space has not started as of today but it is still anticipated to be completed by November 1<sup>st</sup> also. Both these visiting areas will require booking appointment times through the Life Enrichment Team as you have been doing for outdoor visits. The last outdoor visits will be this Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup>. Therefore, from this date until the Pod and indoor space are completed there will be only Designated Essential Caregivers visiting. Just a reminder that only One (1) of the Essential Caregivers may visit at a time.

There have been some questions on expanding visiting hours. At this time there will be no changes. We will re-evaluate our ability to accommodate more hours next month.

**Note:** There will be no visiting hours on Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup>.

Your loved one will be having Thanksgiving turkey dinner with all the fixings and Pumpkin Pie for dessert with the folks on their neighbourhood.

Especially this year, let's remind ourselves that although things are very different we still have much to be thankful for.

