



# Memo

<b>To:</b>	LTC Residents, Independent Living, Families and Staff
<b>From:</b>	Gary Basran (CEO) Vanda Cozier (DOC)
<b>Date:</b>	April 5th, 2021
<b>Subject:</b>	COVID-19 Update (no current cases at SCOC)

To date, Ontario's cumulative COVID-19 death toll has reached 7,428. Total of 358,558 confirmed COVID -19 cases in all of Ontario till 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2021. Canada has recoded more than One million cases since the virus first arrived in 2019.

## **COVID-19:**

**Cases in Ontario - 358,558**

**Resolved cases in Ontario - 327,940**

**Deaths in Ontario - 7,428**

**Hospitalized - 796**

**In ICU due to COVID -19 related illness-451**

**In ICU on a ventilator due to COVID-19 related illness- 261**

## **Some additional facts**

- Cases are on the rise. Instead of one family member, entire families are showing up at Intensive care units due to the new variants.
- Third wave is here and being driven by variants of concern
- COVID-19 is now hitting a younger and healthier demographic. The cases are above the second highest level of framework in most public health units.
- Testing rates are flat, so case growth is not a result of more testing.
- Variants of concern have more severe consequences and are more fatal.
- People with no past medical history are getting critically ill and dying.
- Younger Ontarians are ending up in the hospital. Risk of ICU admission 1.2 x higher and risk of death 1.5 x higher for the B.1.1.7 variant.
- COVID -19 Threatens health system's ability to deal with regular ICU admissions and the ability to care for all the patients.

Ontario went into a four-week, provincewide shutdown on Saturday as the government pulled its “emergency brake” in an effort to curb the spread of COVID-19 variants. Premier Doug Ford announced on Thursday afternoon that the shutdown will begin on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. As a result, further gathering restrictions will go into effect across Ontario. All 34 public health regions will move into shut down for a period of four weeks.

**The following precautions remain in place and available for all residents should they wish added protection:**

- Tenant screening is available in the main entrance daily between the hours of 6am to 9 pm.
- The Province of Ontario implemented regulations on the mandatory wearing of a mask or face covering through Ontario. We urge you to wear face coverings (masks) while in the common spaces, and hallways of the community and when off premises.
- Under the temporary physical distancing bylaws, people who are not from the same household must maintain a physical distance of two meters (six feet) apart. Social distancing rules must be adhered to and only 5 people will be allowed in the Tea Room at one time, dining in is not allowed.
- The Tea Room remains open Monday to Friday from 10 am to 11 am and from 2 pm to 3 pm so that food items, fresh coffee and pastry can be purchased.
- The Dietary Department will be open for meal preparation and delivery only (breakfast, lunch, diner). No dine in will be allowed during the shutdown.
- Adult Day programs and SALC will be either delivered virtual (ZOOM) or one-to-one visits (no groups sessions).
- The patio will be open for visiting with 3 defined visiting sections and the following must be strictly observed:
- As per the Order no more than 5 people can congregate at one time in an outdoor setting. The visiting sections must be booked for no more than one hour prior to visiting so that everyone has a chance to use the areas. Call reception to reserve a section time and date. Please wipe down and sanitise the outside meeting areas before leaving. The wipes and hand sanitizers are placed at all three stations.

We appreciate everyone’s cooperation and patience.  
Stay Safe Gary Basran  
CEO

Vanda Cozier  
DOC