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| To: | SCOC Residents, Families and Staff |
| From: | Gary Basran (CEO) Vanda Cozier (DOC) |
| Date: | January 02, 2022 |
| Subject: | COVID-19 UPDATE (Dining Room Closure) |

As of yesterday, Ontario Health has reported 18,445 new COVID-19 cases and 12 more deaths. We are certain Ontario will reach 20,000 cases per day shortly. This is very worrisome, as your health and safety are our priority and considering the increasing spread of COVID-19 inside of SCOC and our desire to significantly minimize the potential for this virus to further circulate within our community, we have made the difficult decision to temporarily close the dining room and will be delivering dinners once again. All common areas of the building will be closed until further notice.

Public Health has declared LTC to be on Confirmed Outbreak Status (effective December 31, 2021, at 6:00PM)

Independent Living cases are being individually monitored by Public Health and will remain ongoing.

- There are no positive cases amongst our LTC Residents,
- 1 staff member in LTC is positive and is currently at home in quarantine.
- 4 residents in Independent Living are positive and in quarantine.
- There are an additional 8 residents that are currently in quarantine due to possible exposure.
- We have 2 staff members that are at home in quarantine waiting for test results.

Effective Immediately (Sunday January 2, 2022), the dining room will be temporarily closed, and the Tea Room will remain closed until further notice.

Suppers will be provided and delivered to individual's suite on their designated odd/even days by SCOC staff members. The meal, and a cold beverage will arrive at your suite in disposable containers. For those on breakfast and lunch service there will be of a similar process. Dinners will be delivered between 5pm-6pm.

The following precautions remain in place and are available for all residents:

- Resident screening is available in the main entrance daily between the hours of 6am to midnight. **We urge all residents to participate in the screening process once daily.**
- It is mandatory to wear face coverings (masks) while in the common spaces, and hallways of the community.
- 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.
- Programs will continue to run virtually until further notice.

Circumstances have changed very quickly. However, we assure our community that staff at SCOC continue to follow all required infection control protocols and procedures to prevent any spread of the virus. On a personal note, it was a very difficult decision to close the dining room as we are aware for many of our residents, dinner is also a social gathering, and it enables our residents to spend time with one another and to keep each other company. We are hoping this 4th wave will be over quickly and we can get back to our regular routines.

ATTACHED: is a consent package for anyone who is interested in acquiring the 4th dose vaccination. SCOC Management and our partners at Michael Garron Hospital highly encourage all residents to register as cases continue to increase and added protection will assist our community in keeping safe. If you still have not received your 3rd dose, please let us know and we can set up a clinic to assist you.

We appreciate your patience and cooperation.

Be safe,

Gary Basran, CEO

Vanda Cozier, DOC