

Grandview Lodge COVID-19 UPDATE

The Ministry of Long Term Care has directed all Long Term Care Homes in Ontario to initiate **ACTIVE SCREENING of ALL VISITORS, RESIDENT ADMISSIONS/ RE-ADMISSIONS and RETURNING RESIDENTS.**

This screening process is used to minimize the risk of exposure to the COVID-19 virus for our Residents. Elderly individuals and those with underlying health conditions are at increased risk of severe outcomes when exposed to COVID-19 and other infectious diseases such as influenza.

Active screening will be completed upon entry to Grandview Lodge. Visitors will complete the declaration form and have their temperature recorded. Any visitor exhibiting symptoms of a respiratory illness and/or has a potential of exposure of the virus will not be permitted to visit any Resident in the home. The screening will be done by the Resident Services Clerk at the front desk during business hours and by the Registered Staff on the Resident Home Area outside of business hours. These parameters are directed by the Ministry of Long Term Care and supported by the Administration at Grandview Lodge. Any issues or concerns should be directed to Jelte Schaafsma, Director of Nursing or Jennifer Jacob, Administrator.

At this time Grandview Lodge is instructing **all staff, students and volunteers to self-screen** for COVID-19 **at home. All staff, students and volunteers with symptoms of an acute respiratory infection must not come to work and must report their symptoms to the long-term care home.**

Self Screen for Symptoms and Treatment

Symptoms range from mild – like the flu and other common respiratory infections – to severe, and can include:

- fever
- cough
- difficulty breathing

Complications from the 2019 novel coronavirus can include serious conditions, like pneumonia or kidney failure, and in some cases, death.

There are no specific treatments for coronaviruses, and there is no vaccine that protects against coronaviruses. Most people with common human coronavirus illnesses will recover on their own.

You should:

- drink plenty of fluids
- get rest and sleep as much as possible
- try a humidifier or a hot shower to help with a sore throat or cough

If you need immediate medical attention you should call 911 and mention your travel history and symptoms.

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How to protect yourself

Coronaviruses are spread mainly from person to person through close contact, for example, in a household, workplace or health care centre.

There is no vaccine available to protect against the 2019 novel coronavirus.

There are everyday actions that can help prevent the spread of germs that cause respiratory illnesses. Take these everyday steps to reduce exposure to the virus and protect your health:

- wash your hands often with soap and water or alcohol-based hand sanitizer
- sneeze and cough into your sleeve
- avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth
- avoid contact with people who are sick
- **if you are a health care worker proper use of PPE and vigilant hand hygiene**
- **stay home if you are sick**

What Grandview Lodge is Doing

Grandview Lodge receives daily Situation Reports from Ontario Health regarding COVID-19 and is collaborating closely with Ontario Health, HNH B Public Health and Haldimand County to ensure the risk of exposure to our Residents and Staff are mitigated while living and working at Grandview. We are committed to following the direction provided by these agencies to ensure we are doing our part. Please refer to the attachments for more details

We ask that you do your part and continue to look for updates which will be posted within the home or can be viewed at online at <https://www.ontario.ca/page/2019-novel-coronavirus>

Stay Healthy, Wash Your Hands!

Jennifer



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Regular updates will be posted on the Grandview Lodge page of our website.