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Hello Grandview Lodge Residents, Family and Friends

Outbreak Update:

All residents remain negative for COVID-19.

Since the last update an additional staff member developed symptoms and subsequently tested positive. To confirm, currently there are two staff members with positive COVID-19 tests self isolating at home and following the direction of public health. We wish a speedy recovery and look forward to their return to work.

The difficult news – the outbreak has been extended until January 29th. Extending the outbreak is difficult for everyone involved, especially for our residents who will have to remain in their rooms for a longer than anticipated period of time. Staff remain assigned to designated home areas (cohorts) and IPAC measures are followed. We continue to work closely with the Haldimand and Norfolk Public Health Unit in our outbreak management strategy.

Our recreation team is looking for ways to keep residents engaged and essential caregivers are welcome to visit during the outbreak. For Monday's supper, we will defer from our "normal" menu items and dive into the junk food with a pizza, pop and potato chip party for residents interested in participating. We realize this is not the same as coming out of isolation but we hope it does help break up the routine of the day and provide residents and staff with something fun to talk about.

Although this extension is not what we were hoping for, I want to thank everyone for your continued support. We have been through this before, and with our continued efforts I am certain we will get through this again.

Vaccine Update:

I am pleased to report there have been no adverse effects experienced by any of the residents or staff who received the vaccine.

We have shared the names of all essential caregivers who have requested the vaccine to public health. At this time we are unaware of the next vaccination date and we will keep you advised of any information as it becomes known to us.

Stay well

Jennifer