



Grandview Lodge

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April 20, 2021

Dear Grandview Resident, Family and Friends,

This notice is to advise you that Grandview Lodge is currently in a COVID-19 OUTBREAK.

- **Outbreak definition.** Local public health units have the discretion to declare an outbreak based on their investigation. This includes defining the outbreak area and where outbreak measures must be applied (e.g., a single affected unit vs the whole home).
- **A suspect outbreak** in a home is defined as one single lab-confirmed COVID-19 case in a resident.
- **A confirmed outbreak** in a home is defined as two or more lab-confirmed COVID-19 cases in residents and/or staff (or other visitors) in a home with an epidemiological link, within a 14-day period, where at least one case could have reasonably acquired their infection in the home. Examples of reasonably having acquired infection in a home include:
 - No obvious source of infection outside of the LTCH setting; OR
 - Known exposure in the LTCH setting

On the evening of April 15, 2021 GVL staff were advised by a family member that they had tested positive for COVID-19. They had visited their loved one a couple of days before they developed symptoms. At the time of the visit the family member passed the screening tool and the rapid testing was negative. The family member visited again the following day and passed the screening tool, however a rapid test was not required as they had completed the test the day before. A couple days after the visit the family member experienced symptoms, was tested and subsequently confirmed to be positive for COVID-19.

As soon as GVL staff were aware of the positive test result and the potential for transmission, staff immediately isolated the resident and any other residents that would be considered a close contact – this includes roommates, tablemates and friends that spend time together. Swabs were completed and the resident who was in direct contact with their family member was confirmed positive as well.

These two positive test results meet the definition of an outbreak.

At this time, taking into account our vaccination statistics (96% of consenting Residents with both shots & 46% of consenting staff), and in collaboration with public health, the home has not had to interrupt our current activities of daily living and only the positive and close contact residents are required to room isolate. Staff who provided direct care to the resident are also considered close contacts and are currently off work.

All other swabs obtained have been negative.

Due to the outbreak, Essential Caregiver visitation protocol now requires a PCR test for visiting in the home. All essential caregivers must show proof of a negative PCR test within 7-days of the visit and must pass the screening tool. Under the advisement of Public Health any person within six feet of a resident must wear a surgical mask and eye protection. Grandview Lodge will have masks and shields available for essential caregivers. Goggles are also acceptable eye protection but will not be supplied by the home. Temperature checks are no longer required as part of the screening process as per the most recent Directive from the Ministry.

We have the knowledge and resources to manage this outbreak, however I cannot stress enough the importance of mitigating the risks of introducing the virus into our home. PLEASE STAY HOME if you are not feeling well. Even if you believe your symptoms are unrelated to COVID. WEAR A MASK at all times and when you are out in public. WASH YOUR HANDS often. PHYSICALLY DISTANCE yourself – six feet apart – from others.

Thank you for your continued support of our Home and your understanding, please contact a member of our **Management Team** should you have any questions.

Jennifer Jacob
Administrator, Grandview Lodge