

## **Important Notice**

## Infection Prevention and Control Update

November 2, 2021

Hello,

On October 26, 2021 Grandview Lodge in consultation with the public health unit, declared an **Enteric Outbreak** on the **Hillview** home area. On October 29 the **Marshview** home area was been added to the outbreak and on November 1 the **Bridgeview** home area was added as residents developed symptoms over the weekend. All affected residents were tested for COVID-19 as a precaution and all results are negative.

In total 23 residents experienced enteric symptoms and were isolated. 74% of the affected residents were part of the initial outbreak. Of the 23 residents all are now symptom free and only 2 remain isolated as they reach the 48-hour mark without symptoms. We anticipate that the Enteric Outbreak will be declared over tomorrow.

Over the weekend the home was advised of a potential exposure to COVID-19 which was confirmed positive today. The exposure was limited to the Hillview home area and was by an unvaccinated staff member who developed symptoms and did not attend work while symptomatic but had worked the 2 days prior to the onset of symptoms.

As a precaution, yesterday, all Hillview residents were tested or re-tested for COVID-19 and lab results are negative, six (6) results are still pending. Residents on the Hillview home area are feeling fairly well and none are exhibiting new or worsening symptoms associated with COVID-19. Hillview Staff participated in rapid antigen testing and all results are negative.

Grandview Lodge is NOT in a COVID-19 outbreak and the Hillview home area is on a COVID-19 "watch" as per the health unit. We anticipate this watch to end as of midnight tomorrow.

Visitors are limited to one (1) visitor per resident, per day for the duration of the outbreak. Please coordinate your resident visits with other family or friends to avoid being turned away at the door.

Please ensure you practice frequent hand hygiene during all visits to the home and when out in public as this is a proven preventative strategy in the transmission of bacterial and viral pathogens. Vaccines are a safe and effective way of mitigating health risks associated with Influenza and COVID-19. Speak to your physician or visit your local pharmacy today to get your shot.

Thank you for your continued support. Stay well.

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