



Wednesday, December 23, 2020

Dear Residents and Family Members,

As we enter into the Christmas Holidays, I am pleased to inform you that all residents and staff at Presentation Manor are 100% COVID-19 free! Over the past year, our team has worked tirelessly to keep everyone safe, and these results are very encouraging and gratifying.

We continue to test our residents and staff, utilizing both swabs and rapid testing. Since we implemented regular testing back in May, we have been able to prevent 2 residents and 25 staff members from potentially spreading COVID-19 throughout Presentation Manor.

Our partner hospital, Michael Garron, has informed us that we have been selected to participate in a pilot program to vaccinate retirement home staff on December 29 and December 31. Due to the current short supply of the Pfizer vaccine, this pilot will be limited to 30 staff members, and we have therefore asked our wellness team to be the first participants. The remainder of our staff will be vaccinated later.



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Our infectious disease doctor at Michael Garron has advised that our residents will be vaccinated very soon, once sufficient supplies of the vaccine – most likely the Moderna vaccine – have been received. I will update you as more information becomes available, but it would seem there is light at the end of the tunnel.

I also want to with you share a reminder from Toronto Public Health regarding visitors and travel during the lockdown in a region designated a Grey Zone.

1. Essential Visitors:
 - a. A maximum of one (1) caregiver per resident may visit at a time.
2. General or Non-essential Visitors: Not permitted.
3. Absences:
 - a. Residents are .permitted to leave the residence for walks or essential appointments (i.e., medical/dental appointments, etc.)
 - b. Overnight stays: Not permitted.



I realize that these restrictions may cause anxiety for everyone, especially this time of year. However, please continue to help us keep everyone safe, and we will be able to celebrate Christmas 2021 together.

Thank you for your continued support. The management team and I wish you a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.

Sincerely

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