

A Message from the Huronview and Huronlea Homes for the Aged.

Dear Huronview and Huronlea Community,

It's been an incredibly challenging time for all of us as we've had to change how we work and live in the face of this pandemic. For people like us who have loved ones in a long-term care home, it has been additionally difficult as we must practice physical distancing to keep them safe.

We, the staff at Huronview and Huronlea, wanted to reach out to you to express our deepest thanks for the support and understanding you've shown the staff in our Homes in these past weeks.

We want to assure you that we are doing absolutely everything in our power to reduce the risk of the spread of COVID-19 and protect your loved ones. We have been working with our partners at the County of Huron and in Emergency Services (EMS) to secure additional Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) so we can keep our staff and loved ones safe. We have implemented intense cleaning and screening protocols that include taking staff and resident temperatures twice daily to ensure we are preventing the virus from entering our Homes. We are working with our partners within the County of Huron to redeploy staff from other departments to the Homes for assistance with the additional screening, cleaning and activation needs that have increased since the onset of COVID-19.

As of today (April 22, 2020), both Homes are COVID-19 free. We are aggressively increasing our infection prevention measures to ensure maximum preparedness should an outbreak occur in either of our Homes. These measures include, enhanced active screening, physical distancing practiced by all staff and residents, increased sanitation of all high touch areas, and all staff are wearing masks at all times when in the homes. Also, there is enhanced testing of residents with even mild respiratory symptoms in place, to ensure early detection.

In addition to this we have prepared isolation areas for residents within the Homes that would have a dedicated care team in the event of an outbreak. These isolation areas provide a physical barrier to the rest of the Homes to prevent further spread of the virus, if an outbreak occurred. Throughout all of this, we continue to work with local and higher levels of government on matters affecting Long Term Care Homes.

Please know that we are taking every possible preventative measure to ensure that our systems are strong, our safety measures robust and that we have a plan in place for every possible scenario.

While you may be apart from your loved ones, know we will continue to take every measure possible to protect them. In the meantime, our activation team continues to engage residents in meaningful activities and help virtually connect our residents with their loved ones. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,
The staff and management of
Huronview and Huronlea Homes for the Aged



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