



Resident, Family, Friend and Responsible Party Newsletter – Mar. '21

Dear Strathmere Lodge residents, family members, friends/responsible parties:

1. Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic Update – Visiting and Testing



As at the time of writing this newsletter, the province has Middlesex-London in the “Grey Zone”, which limits visiting to a maximum of two (2) visitors per resident; these visitors are referred to by the province as “Essential Caregiver”

visitors. These 2 visitors must remain the same 2 individuals, and as mutually agreed to by the resident/Substitute Decision Maker and The Lodge.

The province now has long terms care homes doing COVID testing on-site, as opposed to visitors going to an Assessment Centre. The province has also instituted “Rapid Antigen Testing” for both staff and visitors, such that both staff and visitors require COVID testing as many as three (3) times a week (i.e., depending on visit frequency). With Rapid Antigen Testing, test results are determined on-site in 15 minutes.

Note that visitor testing at The Lodge commenced on February 22nd. Visitors can be tested at The Lodge at the following times (note that a negative test result is required for a visit to proceed):

- Mondays - 9AM to 4PM
- Tuesdays – 9AM to 4PM
- Wednesdays – 9AM to 4PM
- Thursdays – 9AM to 4PM
- Fridays – 9AM to 3PM
- Saturdays – 9AM to 1PM (and 4PM to 6PM eff. Mar. 6th)
- Sundays – 10AM to 2PM

Please contact The Lodge with any questions regarding Visiting and Testing.

2. COVID-19 Vaccination



All Lodge residents have now been vaccinated (with consent). Lodge staff are in the processing of going to the vaccination centres (e.g., Mount Brydges or London) to be vaccinated.

The provincial vaccine plan also includes vaccinating the 2 “Essential Caregivers” per resident, referred to above.

The Lodge has provided the Middlesex-London Health Unit with the names of Essential Caregivers, as mutually agreed to with residents/Substitute Decision Makers via discussion.

If you are a Lodge Essential Caregiver, you may now book your appointment to have your vaccine administered at a vaccination centre by calling 1-888-333-2175.

When you arrive at the vaccination centre, you will be asked which long term care home you are affiliated with. Your name must appear on the Essential Caregivers list as provided by The Lodge in order to receive your vaccine.

Please contact The Lodge with any questions about the Essential Caregiver designation or vaccination.

3. Labelling of Residents' Clothing



This is a reminder that new clothing needs to be labelled with the resident's name before a resident begins to wear it (this also includes items such as shoes/slippers and personal blankets/throws). Please ensure that you use the Clothing Bin at the main entrance to deposit clothing requiring labelling, after inventorying the clothing items on the form provided at the bin (further instructions are provided at the clothing bin).

For inquiries regarding missing clothing and the like, please contact John Fournier, Environmental Services Manager (519-245-2520, ext. 6244, or via email at: jfournier@middlesex.ca).

4. In Conclusion



Please let me know if you would like to see certain issues addressed in future newsletter editions (contact me at 519-245-2520, ext. 6222, or via email at: bkerwin@middlesex.ca).

Please share a copy of this newsletter with other family members and friends, or direct them to our web page: <http://www.middlesex.ca/departments/long-term-care>

Electronic back copies of our newsletter can be found on our web page. Hard copies are compiled in binders at both our Reception desk and the staff lounge, and are available for your review.

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Brent Kerwin,

Administrator

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