

## December 20, 2020 Concordia Place

Late this afternoon we have become aware of a health-care worker in Concordia Place who has tested positive for COVID-19. As such Concordia Place will be placed in outbreak status.

Currently, there are no residents experiencing respiratory symptoms who were in contact with this health care worker.

**On advice of the MOH/Medical Director, asymptomatic residents (those who do not have symptoms of COVID-19) may be tested (using collection of nasopharyngeal swabs) in order to monitor the presence of COVID-19 at the site. At present we have not received this direction.**

If your family member is being tested, you will be contacted directly.

We appreciate this is incredibly unsettling news for our residents and their loved ones. Please be assured that we have moved quickly to enact precautions that will prevent any further spread of illness.

The care of our residents' health is our top priority.

To help stop the spread of the illness, the following measures are in place:

- Residents affected are in isolation and are receiving care by staff dedicated to their needs.
- Visitor restrictions are being reinstated for all indoor visits. Managers may make exceptions for compassionate reasons. Concordia Place will continue to evaluate restrictions according to the appropriate Pandemic Response Level.  
<https://sharedhealthmb.ca/files/covid-19-pch-visitation-principles.pdf>
- We have suspended admissions to the facility.
- Staff are self-screening before reporting for work to see if testing is required.
- All staff who are in contact with residents will continue wearing protective equipment to further prevent any potential transmission between staff members and residents.
- Communal meals and recreation activities for all residents have been modified. If a resident becomes symptomatic, they will be isolated from other residents. Those dining together will be physically distanced from one another at meal times.

We appreciate your concern for your loved one. Our priority at this time is the care of our residents. Please call Amy Anis at 204-661-7217 or Monika Sawatzky at 204-661-7186 with any inquiries you may have.

If you recently visited the facility and have questions or concerns about your own health, please contact Health Links-Info Santé at 204-788-8200 or toll-free 1-888-315-9257.

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