

Subject line: Family Update October 15th, 2020

Hello Hawthorne Place Care Centre Families, please see below for your weekly updates.

As you have been hearing in the news, the COVID-19 virus continues to spread in many communities, with Toronto, Peel, and Ottawa being listed as 'hot spot' and Hamilton and York region being carefully watched. We strongly encourage you to adhere to all Public Health guidelines when outside of the home and remember to get your flu shot. Prevention really is the best medicine.

Visitation changes:

As directed by the Chief Medical Officer of Health, short stay and temporary absences are not permitted from long-term care homes in areas with higher community spread. Effective as of October 16th, 2020 and until further notice, only absences for medical or compassionate reasons are allowed.

Please use the following link to view the listing of homes located in a hot spot:

<http://www.ontario.ca/page/covid-19-long-term-care-homes-in-areas-visitor-restrictions>

Note that if indoor visitation is allowed, a negative COVID-19 test must be received within 14 days of the visit. If a home goes into outbreak, then all visitation must stop, with the exception of essential care givers. We strongly recommend virtual visits as we continue to navigate these uncertain times. Currently we are closed to all visitors and do appreciate your understanding in this difficult matter.

Public Health Guidelines:

Please remember to be mindful of your social bubble, to physically distance where possible, do not gather in larger groups, to practice good hand hygiene, and to wear a mask.

Staff:

I would like to take a moment before I close to say a big thank you to our staff. Every day the staff are following all new and ongoing infection and prevention control guidelines, including COVID-19 testing every 14 days, wearing full personal protective equipment at all times, including face shields, and continue to provide an engaging and caring home for your loved one. Thank you to our front line heroes!

My next scheduled update is Thursday October 22nd, and I will be in touch sooner should there be anything important to share. As always if you have any questions or concerns or would like additional information on anything related to our home, please contact me at michelle.sattler@responsivegroup.ca or 416-745-0811 ext. 140. Until then, stay safe.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Michelle Sattler,
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