

Update 4.0 – January 7, 2022

COVID-19 Enhanced Surveillance at Sunset Manor

Today, thanks to the outstanding efforts of our staff and residents, I'm pleased to share that we are lifting enhanced surveillance measures at Sunset Manor!

Since December 26, we have had several high-risk community contacts and a total of six (6) COVID-19 positive staff cases. Three (3) of these cases have been resolved, with the affected staff members having already returned to work. We are still awaiting PCR results to confirm the Rapid Test results for the remaining three (3) positive cases; however, in line with Public Health guidelines, our isolation measures since December 26 mean that it is now safe to discontinue our enhanced surveillance.

This means that all residents on the Georgian One unit are no longer in quarantine in their rooms and the additional contact droplet isolation precaution for those at higher risk have now been removed.

This is tremendous news, and it shows that when our staff, residents and families work together, we are able to keep COVID at bay. Given the high case numbers across the province, a quick reminder to everyone to exercise caution when out in the community or within the home. Also, if at all possible, please consider wearing a three-layer mask for your protection.

MANDATORY THIRD DOSE REQUIREMENT FOR LTCSS

As announced last week, the province has now **mandated third doses for all staff, students, volunteers, caregivers and support workers by January 28, 2022** for those currently eligible for a booster and will be requiring visitors to provide proof of three (3) doses of a Health Canada approved vaccine once the temporary pause on general visitors is lifted.

If not yet eligible, staff, volunteers and support workers will have until March 14, 2022 to show proof; caregivers have until May 23, 2022.

Please note that there are two (2) vaccine options available for third doses and both are interchangeable and offer exceptional protection.

Sunset Manor is hosting a vaccination clinic on **January 12 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.** Please contact Joshua.Harkins@simcoe.ca to book your spot or consider booking a spot at a community clinic near you.



ESSENTIAL CAREGIVER VISITS

The County continues to strongly recommend that essential caregivers temporarily postpone their visit unless for essential reasons.

In addition, should an essential caregiver test positive for COVID-19 via rapid antigen test or PCR, they will **not** be permitted to enter the home until cleared by public health.

For resident safety to reduce further risk of community exposure, should you still plan to visit, we are **temporarily** requiring that all essential caregivers pre-book their visits to the home. We also ask that essential caregivers consider limiting their visits to one hour at a time, helping to maximize the number of residents able to visit with their loved ones. Please ensure that when you are visiting, you go directly to your loved one's unit and do not socialize with any other residents at any time.

Visit <https://www.simcoe.ca/LongTermCare/Pages/BookAVisit.aspx> to book your appointment today.

A huge thank you to our residents, families and friends for your continued patience during this very challenging time. Your strength and support make a world of difference to our ability to tackle COVID.

Please continue to stay safe and, if you have not yet done so, get your vaccination to help put COVID behind us.

Sincerely,

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