



Update 8.0 – 19 February 2021

COVID-19 Update at Georgian Manor

Dear Family and Friends,

Today, I am very pleased to share with you that the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit has declared the outbreak at Georgian Manor officially over.

We are so grateful to our dedicated staff who acted swiftly and worked tirelessly to protect residents and the home from further transmission. We also thank you and your loved ones for your understanding and continued support.

With the increasing numbers of suspected and confirmed variant cases across the region and province, we are working hard to implement rapid antigen testing at all four (4) of our long-term care homes and seniors services. As communicated in the February 15th update, once implemented anyone entering the home will be required to take the antigen test before gaining access. This will give an immediate result within 15-30 minutes with a high rate of accuracy at 97.3%. We will continue to keep you updated on timing of this new process.

We also believe that combined with our enhanced PPE and safety measures, that the high vaccination rate in our homes among residents has helped us create greater protection and immunity. This outbreak, combined with other outbreaks across the region, confirm that the spread among residents who have been vaccinated is being limited. This is great news and we encourage anyone who is able, to consider the vaccinations as they become available.

With the outbreak now declared over, our team at Georgian Manor will review the essential caregiving and will slowly phase back this important support for our residents. Please be reminded if you are an essential caregiver, we recommend you seek testing at an assessment centre in preparation for reopening at Georgian Manor.

#ShowTheLove Campaign

The County of Simcoe has joined the North Simcoe Muskoka Specialized Geriatric Services (NSM SGS) in encouraging North Simcoe Muskoka residents, groups and organizations to participate in the #ShowTheLove campaign to help lift the spirits of those living and working in long-term care and retirement homes.

To show your support and encouragement join the campaign by:

- Post a video message, photo, letter or piece of art to your social media channels, using #ShowTheLove and #NSMSGs between February 17 – 20. The messages will be sent to care homes and shared on various social media channels in a compilation video.
- Write letters, draw pictures and/or make small signs of support and encouragement for residents and staff and deliver them to a care home in your community. Mark them as #ShowTheLove and remember to mask and physically distance when you drop them off

Please remember to stay vigilant when out in the community. Stay safe and well. Thank you from all of us.

Sincerely,

Jane

Jane Sinclair
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