



Update 6.0 – January 10, 2022

### Enhanced Surveillance at Simcoe Manor

Dear Family and Friends,

On Saturday we were able to remove the Essa Unit from enhanced surveillance precautions, however, unfortunately this morning a staff member from that unit did test positive on rapid antigen test prior to entering the home for their shift. As they had been in the home during their communicability period, the residents on the Essa Unit were placed back under enhanced surveillance and are once again in isolation under droplet precautions.

At this time, the Nottawasaga unit remains in quarantine under droplet contact isolation precautions as well as the Innisfil Unit that was placed in quarantine with isolation precautions yesterday due to a high-risk contact with a positive staff member.

While there continue to be positive cases among our staff due to the prevalence of the Omicron variant in our communities, thanks to staff strict adherence to our IPAC requirements and diligence when providing care, we are not seeing positive cases among our residents or spread within the home.

**Table 1 – COVID-19 Case Update as of January 10:**

Simcoe Manor Enhanced Surveillance Status	As of Jan. 10	Change from Jan. 7
Total # of Active Resident COVID-19 positive cases	0	0
Total # of Resolved Resident cases	0	0
Total # of Impacted Resident Home Areas (units)	3	0
Total # of Active Staff COVID-19 positive cases	7	+2
Total # of Resolved Staff cases	13	+1
Total # of COVID-19 positive cases	20	+3

### **NEW** Family Town Hall Meeting

Please join Jane Sinclair, General Manager, Health and Emergency Services and the Leadership Teams from both **Sunset Manor** and **Simcoe Manor** for a combined Family Town Hall on Tuesday, January 11 beginning at 6 p.m.

To join, click the link below or dial by telephone

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://simcoe.zoom.us/j/97322089152?pwd=czVoQnF0MmW42ZzhZnRDZFMwbXFSdz09>

Meeting ID: 973 2208 9152

Passcode: 515633

Telephone: 1-855-703-8985

### **REMINDER** Offering Fourth Doses to Long-Term Care Residents

Based on the recommendations from the Ontario Immunization Advisory Committee, effective immediately the province will be making fourth doses of mRNA vaccines available to residents

of long-term care homes, retirement homes, Elder Care Lodges and other congregate care settings if at least three (3) months, or 84 days, have passed since their third dose.

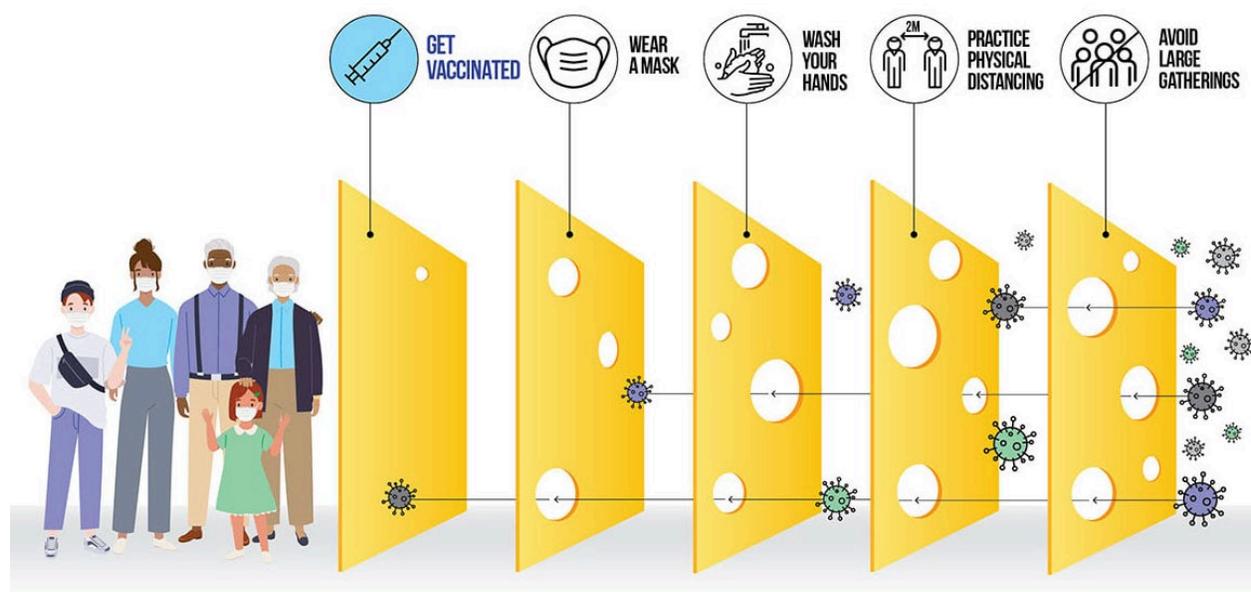
As consents will be coming forward soon for our residents, we encourage all to have a conversation with their loved one in preparation for our next clinic.

**REMINDER 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.

Simcoe Manor will be hosting a vaccination clinic for staff, residents and essential caregivers on January 12 from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please reach out to your Director of Care, Stacey MacKenzie at [Stacey.mackenzie@simcoe.ca](mailto:Stacey.mackenzie@simcoe.ca) to book your vaccination at one of our upcoming clinics.



According to Ontario’s Science Table, while any mask is better than no mask, some masks are better than others. Given how transmissible Omicron is, upgrade your masks if possible. The Public Health Agency of Canada recommends wearing a high-quality mask such as blue surgical mask (2 is better than 1: Consider wearing a surgical mask under a double-layered cloth mask) or KN/N95 (if available). Also, the key is in the fit. Think of a mask as a filter: you want as much air as possible going through the mask, not around it. Search for ‘Knot and Tuck’ on YouTube for how to improve fit for surgical masks.

Sincerely,

*Jane*

Jane Sinclair  
General Manager, Health and Emergency Services

County of Simcoe