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Dear Dom Lipa Families and Friends,

We will continue with monthly updates or as needed. Please contact us with questions at info@domlipa.ca.

NO COVID-19 CASES AT DOM LIPA

We are happy to report that our residents and staff are COVID-19 free. All residents and staff were tested at the end of July for COVID-19 and all results were negative. Staff and residents continue to be vigilant and follow best practices for infection control.

LEGACY DONATIONS

On behalf of Maria Medved and her family, we would like to thank everyone who contributed to Dom Lipa in memory of Darko Medved. There were 42 donations, totaling \$5,961.17 for which Dom Lipa is incredibly grateful. Darko was always a good friend to Dom Lipa and it is so comforting and inspiring to see how much people loved and respected him. We are also extremely appreciative of the very generous donation, which Darko's family bequeathed to Dom Lipa.

RESTRICTIONS DURING COVID-19

We in Dom Lipa administration are certain that you, like we, are tired of all the COVID-19 related restrictions. Everyone wishes that life would return to normal as soon as possible. Our employees are trying hard to maintain normalcy, as much as is possible in our residents' everyday routines, while keeping all of us safe at the same time. It is not always as easy as it may look.

During this 2020 pandemic, more than ever, we notice how requirements differ between long-term care and retirement homes. Dom Lipa likes to function as one friendly family. Our retirement floor is enclosed by the long-term care home. Our services are intertwined between retirement and long-term care parts of the building; our employees are all the same for both sides. The entrance, the elevator and the first-floor administrative offices that retirement residents visit, are all within the long-term care home's area.

As the province is opening businesses and lifting COVID-19 related restrictions, Dom Lipa is facing a challenge that we are trying to resolve, related to residents leaving the home from time to time. This is referred to as “absences”. At this moment, we are experiencing conflicting regulations for the long-term care and for the retirement residence.

The Government of Ontario, in its document “Reopening Retirement Homes July 22, 2020”, lifted restrictions for retirement home residents’ absences. At the same time, the restrictions are still in force for our long-term care residents.

We had two meetings with all retirement residents on July 29th and August 4th to discuss this issue. Our residents generally expressed the desire to be safe, to avoid community visits and to voluntarily self-isolate after essential medical visits.

Currently, we encourage our retirement residents to avoid community visits, unless they are strictly necessary. We will do everything possible to accommodate residents, who desire to leave for community absences, as long as Dom Lipa management is informed, so that we can organize the departure and arrival in a way to ensure safety for everyone.

We are investigating other possibilities with Toronto Public Health, Mississauga Halton LHIN and MoLTC to provide free movement into the community for our retirement residents. We will keep you updated should we learn about any new options.

Meanwhile, we are doing our best to provide safety and comfort to all our residents as much as possible.

Thank you for your continuing support! We hope you are enjoying the lovely summer.

Dom Lipa’s Board of Directors