

December 22, 2020

Dear Dom Lipa Families, Friends, Employees and Supporters,

In this communication we provide details about the provincial lockdown, and how this impacts our residents and Ontarians.

### **Covid-19 Update**

We are pleased to let you know that there are no active Covid-19 cases at Dom Lipa.

### **Provincial Lockdown**

Yesterday, Premier Ford announced that the Ontario government is imposing a province-wide shutdown, effective as of Saturday, December 26, 2020 at 12:01 a.m. The impacts of these measures will be evaluated throughout 14 days in Northern Ontario and 28 days in Southern Ontario to determine, if it is safe to lift any restrictions or if they need to be extended.

Given this announcement, the Ministry of Long-Term Care will be updating its policies and directives that align with the current COVID-19 Response Framework. Consequently, we expect that Visiting and Resident Absences Policies for the LTC sector, during the province-wide shutdown will mirror what is currently in place for Red-Control and Grey-Lockdown zones. We will provide you with these updates, as we receive them from the Ministry.

### **How the Lockdown impacts Dom Lipa**

For our LTC and Retirement residents, there will be no visitors, except for essential caregivers and exceptional visitors for palliative residents.

LTC and Retirement residents will not be leaving the Home, except for medical reasons.

We will continue to keep up the Christmas spirit at Dom Lipa with decorations on dining tables, and with holiday music. We ask families and suppliers to continue providing only individually wrapped goodies for our residents.

### **What the Lockdown means for Ontarians**

Ontarians are advised to stay home as much as possible with trips outside the home limited to necessities. Public health and workplace safety measures that will be put in place during the shutdown, include the following:

- Restricting indoor organized public events and social gatherings, except with members of the same household. Individuals, who live alone may consider having exclusive close contact with one other household.
- Prohibiting in-person shopping in most retail settings (curbside pickup and delivery can continue) and limited access to shopping malls. There will be limited capacity for in-store shopping in discount and big-box retailers and supermarkets, grocery stores and pharmacies.
- Prohibiting indoor and outdoor dining. Restaurants, bars, and other drink establishments will be permitted to operate by take-out, drive-through, and delivery only.

**Christmas Greetings**

The Administrative team, the staff and the directors of Dom Lipa wish our dedicated families, friends, and supporters a peaceful Christmas season and a healthy and safe New Year.

Sincerely,

The Slovenian Linden Foundation – Dom Lipa Administrative team and Directors