



January 15, 2021

Dear Dom Lipa Families, Friends, Employees and Supporters,

Here is an update on the Covid-19 outbreak in the Home and information, which may be of interest on the vaccination program and the new stay-at-home order.

### **Continuing Covid-19 Outbreak**

The outbreak declared January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 continues. Both 1 West Wing and Kastelic Wing are in contact droplet precautions and isolation based on test results this week.

Testing has shown a total of 2 staff members having a positive Covid-19 result, and the remaining staff tests are negative.

We continue to closely collaborate with Toronto Public Health; keep them updated; and follow their recommendations.

### **Vaccination Program at Dom Lipa**

All our residents have been offered the Covid-19 vaccine. Those wishing the vaccine would have received the first dose. Approximately 90% of our residents have chosen this additional protection provided by the vaccine.

Currently about 30% of the staff have chosen to be vaccinated. On January 14<sup>th</sup>, Dr. Pilarski, the Medical Director at Dom Lipa, held a town hall meeting with Dom Lipa staff to describe her experience with the vaccine and to answer questions regarding Covid-19 vaccines. Staff continue to have the opportunity to receive a vaccine.

### **Province Announces Plans for Phase Two of Vaccine Rollout**

In a news release issued on January 13, 2021, the Province announced its plans for Phase Two of its Vaccine Rollout. In Phase Two, the COVID-19 Immunization Program will be expanded to seniors and frontline essential workers. Read more about the announcement and expected timelines for Phase Two:

<https://news.ontario.ca/en/release/59934/ontario-to-vaccinate-up-to-85-million-people-in-phase-two>

### **Provincial Stay-at-Home Order**

On January 12, 2021, the Ontario government declared a second state of emergency and issued a stay-at-home order for the province, which began January 15th. The new stay-at-home order, which remains in effect for at least 28 days, requires everyone in Ontario to stay at home, except for essential purposes, such as going to the grocery store, pharmacy, accessing healthcare services, exercising, or essential work. Learn more about the stay-at-home order here: <https://news.ontario.ca/en/release/59922/ontario-declares-second-provincial-emergency-to-address-covid-19-crisis-and-save-lives>

and here:

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/emergency-information>

Please stay safely at home and continue to take care of yourselves!

Sincerely,

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