



February 11, 2021

Dear Dom Lipa Families, Friends, Employees and Supporters,

Here is an update on the Covid-19 outbreak in the home and the role of Essential Visitors (Caregivers and Personal Support Workers).

Confirmed New Covid-19 Outbreak

The outbreak declared January 9, 2021 was declared over on February 1, 2021. Unfortunately, on February 2, 2021, one member of our staff tested positive for the virus during routine testing and a suspected outbreak was declared on February 4, 2021.

Continued Covid-19 testing has revealed that we now have three staff with positive tests. As well, we have three retirement residents and one LTC resident with positive tests. Toronto Public Health therefore declared a confirmed outbreak of the whole Home on February 8, 2021.

Residents are on contact/droplet precautions, are requested to stay in their rooms and to wear masks (as tolerated).

We are grateful for the continued hard work and dedication of Staff and Management.

Essential Visitors are Essential at Dom Lipa

We currently have approximately twenty caregivers and personal support workers, who provide care and companionship for specific residents.

The staff and residents welcome and are grateful for the help and support of essential visitors, who are caregivers and personal support workers.

Essential visitors are reminded:

- **to always wear appropriate personal protective equipment, supplied by Dom Lipa and to follow all infection control directives.**
- to go directly to and from the one resident room and remain in that one resident room throughout the visit.
- **not to visit** other residents or staff.
- If there are questions about the resident's care or if supplies are needed, please call the Charge Nurse on the phone and they will see you in the resident's room.

Dom Lipa is committed to keeping residents, staff, and essential visitors safe during the pandemic.

For more information on essential visitors, see <https://www.ontario.ca/page/covid-19-visiting-long-term-care-homes#section-6>

Rapid Coronavirus Testing Now at Dom Lipa

As of February 8, 2021, Dom Lipa implemented Rapid Antigen Testing for employees and essential visitors (Caregivers and Personal Support Workers). Rapid Antigen Testing will assist us in quickly identifying infections around the home. It is an additional screening tool to prevent the spread of Covid-19 at Dom Lipa.

Rapid Antigen Testing can provide results within 15 minutes. For more detailed information with respect to Rapid Antigen Testing, please visit the Government of Ontario website COVID-19: Long-term care home surveillance testing and access to homes. Available at <https://www.ontario.ca/page/covid-19-long-term-care-home-surveillance-testing>

Family Council's Heartfelt Appreciation

If you have not yet driven past Dom Lipa, there is still time to see the wonderful display of 32 wooden hearts, 7 large statement boards and 11 shimmering plastic hearts on the trees and fences around the home. Many of these treasures were handmade by a member of the Family Council.

The Family Council continually works to make valuable contributions to show their appreciation and gratitude for each resident, family member, volunteer, and staff member at Dom Lipa. In the summertime, Family Council members work hard on the gardens around the home to provide a lovely setting for the enjoyment of all.

Thank you to the Family Council for your continued dedication to serving the Dom Lipa community and making another joyful and important contribution to the wellbeing of our residents and staff during these difficult times.

Please continue to stay safely at home and stay healthy.

Sincerely,

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