

April 23, 2021

Dear Dom Lipa Families, Friends, Employees and Supporters,

In this communication we provide information regarding: the current COVID-19 outbreak, recognize the contributions of essential caregivers, highlight our staff vaccination rates, and provide an update regarding our recent Annual General Meeting.

Covid-19 Outbreak

Despite the extremely hard work and vigilance of staff, residents, and essential caregivers, on April 20, 2021, we entered another outbreak at Dom Lipa. The outbreak was confirmed in West 1 and West 2 after one staff member and one resident tested positive for Covid-19. Measures including enhanced cleaning protocols, increased testing of staff and residents and a temporary pause of any group activities will be in effect for West 1 and West 2, until the outbreak is declared over by Toronto Public Health.

Reminder to all Essential Caregivers

In addition to recognizing the invaluable contributions of all essential caregivers at Dom Lipa, we would like to remind anyone entering Dom Lipa to immediately inform the Director of Care, Magdalena Finat, or another Dom Lipa staff member, should you encounter a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 or test positive yourself for COVID-19. This is absolutely critical so we can conduct effective contact tracing and take immediate action to reduce the risk of spread of the virus within our home. Magdalena can be reached at 416-621-3820, Ext. 246 or by email at m.finat@domlipa.ca.

Vaccinations

We are pleased to report that we have achieved a 72% vaccination rate amongst Dom Lipa Staff. While we continue to make focussed efforts to encourage all Staff to become vaccinated against the COVID-19 virus, we are making significant progress in this regard. Based on recent media reports, this appears to be a common issue plaguing long term care and retirement homes across the province. We do however appear to be achieving higher rates of staff vaccination at our home than has been achieved at many other homes in our region.

If you would like more information regarding COVID-19 vaccines, Public Health Ontario has developed fact sheets that can be accessed by visiting: <https://www.publichealthontario.ca/-/media/documents/ncov/factsheet/2021/01/vac/factsheet-covid-19-vaccines.pdf?la=en>

Annual General Meeting Update

Thank you to all, who participated in our 2021 AGM that was held last Sunday, April 18th through Zoom. We had an incredibly positive turnout with 66 attendees participating virtually. Of special note, the members in attendance approved an amendment to our by-laws to promote accessibility by permitting flexibility in the method of conducting our AGMs on an ongoing basis. This by-law amendment will allow future AGMs to continue to be held by telephone or other electronic means, in addition to allowing for in-person attendance, once the pandemic ends.

For anyone, who was unable to attend our recent AGM, we will be posting all financial documents that were presented, on our website.

May we all be blessed with strength, safety, peace, and endurance during these particularly challenging times.

Sincerely,

The Board of Directors of the Slovenian Linden Foundation – Dom Lipa

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