

October 9, 2026

Dear Dom Lipa Families, Friends, Employees and Supporters,

In this communication we ask family members and visitors to support staff wellness. Next, we ask for your help to ensure the safety of our residents. Then, we give information about the start of virus season. We also provide an update on the progress of the installation of our new generator. Finally, we remind you about our upcoming Lipathon virtual fundraiser and share some photos of decorations in the home for upcoming Thanksgiving celebrations.

Support staff wellness

Kindly support staff wellness at Dom Lipa! Many of our staff work long days or nights, including 12 hour shifts. Every staff member is entitled to meal and wellness breaks.

Dom Lipa provides staff lunchrooms and other quiet staff-designated rooms, so our staff can rest, refuel and have the energy to return to their work duties.

Please support staff wellness by not disturbing them during breaks. Residents, family members and visitors may not knock on the doors of, nor enter these staff rooms.

Safety measures for our residents

Residents' safety is our number one priority and we need your help!

We remind all visitors and family members to tightly close all exit doors, elevator doors and stairwell doors are securely closed when going in and out of the building or to the different secure areas. Some residents wander and may try to leave the building without letting us know.

Next, we ask everyone to follow our instructions on how to get to West 1 and 2 units. This will help prevent the spread of respiratory illness from unit to unit.

To get to West 1 and 2 units, please descend to the basement and walk along the hallway to the west elevator. Avoid passing through the Kastelic wing first floor to get to the West wings.

Please pass this information on to all extended family members and friends who plan to visit West 1 and 2 wings at Dom Lipa.

Respiratory illness season has begun

The 2026–2027 respiratory illness season in Ontario officially began ramping up in late September 2026, with an earlier-than-usual rise in circulating viruses.

To help prevent serious illness and keep communities healthy, everyone is encouraged to get their flu and COVID-19 vaccines as soon as they become available, as well as Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) immunization for those eligible.

The initial supply of COVID-19 vaccines and flu vaccines will be available for high-risk and priority groups who live, work or study in Ontario, starting the week of September 28, 2026, including:

- Hospitalized patients
- Hospital staff
- Residents and staff in long-term care homes, retirement homes and other congregate settings
- Individuals aged 65 and older

According to Health Ontario, starting October 26, free flu and COVID-19 shots will be available to the general public at participating pharmacies, public health units and participating doctor and nurse practitioner offices.

As part of the province's recent expansion to the adult RSV prevention program, Ontario residents aged 60 to 74 who meet certain high-risk criteria or live in specific higher-risk settings, as well as those aged 75 and older, are also eligible to receive RSV vaccines, Abrysvo® or Arexvy, at any time during the year.

See <https://news.ontario.ca/en/release/1008047/ontario-protecting-communities-from-respiratory-illnesses>

You can follow trends by going to the Public Health Ontario website, for the Ontario Respiratory Virus Tool, available at <https://www.publichealthontario.ca/en/Data-and-Analysis/Infectious-Disease/Respiratory-Virus-Tool>

You may also find interesting the map of seasonal respiratory virus activity levels across Canada, available at <https://health-infobase.canada.ca/respiratory-virus-surveillance/>

New generator update

We have now received the building permit from Toronto Building, Etobicoke York District for the installation of an exterior generator. We will proceed with the purchase and installation of a new generator which will satisfy the needs of the whole building in case of a power outage. This is required by order from the Ministry of Long-Term Care.

The location of the emergency generator is behind the building, near the back lot line. The structure will be on a slab of concrete 5.49 by 1.83 metres, located within the existing waste storage and staff parking area. There will be no reduction in soft landscaped area and no increase in hard surface. The number of staff parking spaces will be reduced by one spot, to 6 parking spots. In addition, the location of the generator will not encroach on the required fire access route width, clearance or turning radii.

Lipathon is coming November 14th

We are hoping you will share your talents with us at Lipathon!

Submit a recording of a musical number for this event by October 15th. Please send it to info@domlipa.ca. If the file is too large, consider sending a link to the file on a Google Drive or Dropbox location.

Join us on Saturday, November 14th starting at 6 pm! This will be streamed live on Facebook, and also recorded and then archived.

Thanksgiving Preparations

Every Thanksgiving, our staff, lead by the administration team, decorate the building in a festive style. Here are some photos of the decorations in place for Monday's Thanksgiving luncheon for residents.





The directors of the Board wish to express our deepest gratitude to Jolanta our Executive Director, the administration team, and all the staff who work tirelessly to care for our seniors, to provide a home-like experience, and to care for each other all through the year. Thank you for your commitment, your patience, and the positive energy you bring to Dom Lipa.

We hope you enjoy wonderful Thanksgiving celebrations this weekend!

Sincerely,

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

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