



January 7, 2021

Hello everyone,

Happy New Year to you and yours! While the COVID-19 outbreak at Misericordia Place and 2020 is behind us, we continue to live alongside the virus. While I'm optimistic that things will improve from here on, as Brent Roussin, Manitoba chief public health officer says we still need to "focus on the fundamentals" and continue to do our part to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

Like you, we are awaiting to see if public health orders change tomorrow, Friday, January 8. We will closely review any changes and adjust visitation protocol and procedures accordingly. We will communicate changes with you in the next family update.

Post COVID-19 outbreak update

Terminal cleaning of the entire facility will be completed as of tomorrow.

Routine procedures on MP1 and MP3 will be adjusted after the terminal clean, and in the coming weeks we will start to use the dining room, some of the shared spaces and work towards facilitating small group recreation activities. We will continue to maintain physical distancing measures between residents. Additionally, resident temperature and COVID-19 symptom checks will be ongoing.

Public health inspections

We have received word that there will be unannounced public health inspections at personal-care homes across the province. As always, if a public health inspection takes place we will let you know and provide a high-level overview.

Personal-care home immunizations

Vaccination teams will soon be coming to personal-care homes to immunize residents. Currently we are waiting to hear when this will be happening at Misericordia Place. My understanding is that homes without private rooms are first on the list. We expect to have an update in the coming days and we will share information as soon as we have a confirmed date.

Residents and/or decision makers will need to provide verbal consent and we'll explain the immunization process at that point.

As you know, the COVID-19 vaccine is available for eligible health-care providers. Misericordia Place staff who are able to receive the vaccine have started booking their appointments.

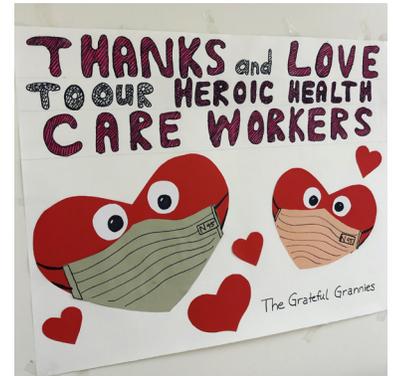
Visitation space update

We are currently waiting on air movement tests, as well as other approvals, including occupancy from the City of Winnipeg for the “Nuns’ Suite.” We look forward to having this visitation space available.

Community support

At Misericordia Place and MHC we continue to receive kind words from community members and groups. We are extremely grateful for the support that has been shown for our MHC health-care heroes.

Visitation reminder: Designated Family Caregivers please call 204-788-8440 from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Monday to Friday to book an appointment. Screening procedures and personal protective equipment (PPE) requirements remain status quo until further notice. Thank you for your cooperation.



At any time if you have questions or feedback, please do reach out to me.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Taylor".

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