



March 5, 2021

Hello everyone,

COVID-19 reflection

Hard to believe it is March already! And that it's been a year since the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic – a pandemic we are still in the middle of.

For me, every time I hear transmission rates are going down or that Dr. Roussin is considering another layer in the provincial re-opening plan I think we are winning the fight against this deadly virus. But, really, the fight keeps changing and we're still learning. Remember last March we weren't even wearing masks?

This has been the most difficult challenge in my professional life, I would say. It is heart-breaking that the COVID-19 outbreak was responsible for residents' deaths. In the same breath that I say I'm ready for the constant pivoting of this pandemic to be well and truly over, I can also say there have been silver linings. I'm grateful for residents' families support and for our team of health-care heroes as they fought for our residents even as they fought their own personal fears.

I welcome your personal reflections and commentary – if you feel comfortable sharing – that I will convey to MHC leadership and our MP staff.

Visiting update

I'm happy to share a small step back to normality: Designated Caregivers are welcome to visit inside MP whenever they wish and as often as they wish – no need to book times!

This change is effective as of Monday, March 8, 2021.

A friendly reminder: when visiting on the units, only one visitor at a time is permitted and must visit in the resident's room.

If Designated Caregivers prefer visits in the nuns' suite, similar to our general visitors, those visits do still need to be booked by calling **204-788-8440**.

Naturally, visiting times may change in the future depending on public health guidelines.

MP1 & 2 nurse-call system

I'm excited to share that MP1 and MP2 is now getting the long-awaited upgrade to the nurse-call system that was delayed due to COVID-19 precautions.

This nurse-call system is the same as the system in MP3: a resident, family or staff can call for help in any room of the unit. An alert is then sent to the nursing station and is also displayed on the electronic signs hanging in the hallways. You can also talk to the resident from the nursing station!

As we cross over to the new system, please be assured we have a safety mechanism in place: a temporary call-bell system.

The upgrade began yesterday and will take four to six weeks to complete. Contractors will be screened daily and working safely inside hoarding while meticulously following our PPE guidelines.

Yours sincerely,



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