



## **MEMO**

**TO:** Families and residents

**From:** Tina O'Malley RN, ICC

**Date:** January 27, 2023

### **COVID- 19 Outbreak at Valley Manor LTC**

Public Health has declared a COVID-19 outbreak as of today, January 27, 2023.

COVID-19 measures will be initiated:

- ✓ At this time, only one (1) Essential Caregiver at a time will be able to visit. No General visitors will be permitted for the duration of the outbreak.
- ✓ Eye protection as well as masking will be required at all times during the outbreak and will be provided by the screener. Visitors are directed not to remove masks even when alone in a private room with a resident during the outbreak.
- ✓ Essential Caregivers will be required to have a rapid antigen test each day they visit during the outbreak.
- ✓ Visits to palliative/ill residents by general visitors or unvaccinated visitors will be on a case-by-case basis based on the assessment by the Nurse in Charge. One visitor at a time will remain in effect during the outbreak. Unvaccinated visitors/or if the resident is isolating will require the wearing of full PPE.
- ✓ Activities will be limited to small groups for unaffected areas or in-room one-on-one visits. Virtual visits by electronic means may be scheduled through the Activities department by calling extension 225.
- ✓ Tray service for meals will start for all residents as of supper today. Each resident zone has a designated lounge for residents not on isolation.
- ✓ New admissions are suspended until further notice.
- ✓ Residents who qualify for Paxlovid will be offered this antiviral medication. Information about Paxlovid will be attached.
- ✓ In the event that not only COVID-19 is circulating and Influenza is isolated, residents will be provided Tamiflu for those who have consented. If you do not wish to receive/have your loved one receive Tamiflu, please inform the Nurse in Charge. We hope this will not be the case, but wish to be prepared.

If you have any further questions, please contact us.

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