



**MEMO**

**TO:** Staff, Residents and Families

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

**Date:** October 18, 2024

**Respiratory Outbreak at Valley Manor LTC**

Public Health has declared a confirmed respiratory outbreak for zones 2 and 3 as of today.

The virus has not yet been identified but symptoms include acute onset of new cough, fever, and hoarseness.

COVID-19 continues to circulate in zones 3 and 4.

- ✓ **The entire home will now be closed to general visitors.**
- ✓ At this time, **only Essential Caregivers will be able to visit in the room/lounges**. Those visiting ill residents are to wear PPE (gown, mask (N95 mask for COVID-19 residents), eye protection and gloves).
- ✓ Activities will be limited to small groups or individual programs.
- ✓ Residents should stay in their respective zone lounges to help reduce the spread.