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Dear Dom Lipa Families, Friends, Employees and Supporters,

Here is an update on the Covid-19 outbreak in the home and news of a grant award from the Government of Slovenia.

Continuing Covid-19 Outbreak

The outbreak declared January 9th, 2021 continues. Both 1 West Wing and Kastelic Wing are in contact droplet precautions and isolation based on test results this week.

Testing identified 2 staff members, who have positive Covid-19 results. One has now resolved, and one is still positive. The remaining staff tests are negative. All residents' testing results are negative.

Retirement residents are currently not in isolation and can freely move on their floor and socialize with physical distancing.

We observe our residents for any Covid-19 symptoms twice a day regardless of outbreak status. We test our employees weekly for Covid-19 as recommended by the Ministry of Health and we have full compliance from our employees. We continue to closely collaborate with Toronto Public Health; keep them updated; and follow their recommendations.

Vaccines are Not Enough

Everyone needs to continue hand washing, wearing masks and social distancing to prevent the spread of the Covid-19 virus. We do not know enough about the existing vaccines to know if they prevent spread and if they are effective against all the new strains of the virus (e.g., those coming out of the United Kingdom).

The COVID-19 vaccine provides you with protection against serious illness; it may not prevent you from getting infected.

All our residents have been offered the Covid-19 vaccine. Those wishing the vaccine would have received the first dose. To date 95% of our residents have chosen this additional protection provided by the vaccine.

Health care workers caring for seniors continue to have the opportunity to receive a vaccine as supplies are available.

Thinking about getting the Covid-19 Vaccine?

Listen to Erdine, a Personal Support Worker at an Amica Retirement Home in Georgetown, Ontario. She explains why it is important to get the vaccine when it is offered to you. The video is about one minute long. See <https://buff.ly/3nFTqNZ>

Grant Award from the Government of Slovenia

The Slovenian government's Ministry for Slovenians Abroad has awarded 1,500 Euros to Dom Lipa for the project "Preserving Slovenian-ness through Sound." Congratulations and thank you to Sonja Vidovic, Activation and Volunteer Co-Ordinator for conceptualizing and drafting the proposal for this annual grant, offered by the Slovenian government.

The project is aimed at engaging seniors in areas of the home with Slovenian music, using musical instruments like bells, sticks and drums. Due to the pandemic, each resident will be given a musical instrument for their own use and will be encouraged to add to the rhythm of the music played over loudspeakers.

The grant will help purchase musical instruments, sound systems and music.

Please stay safely at home and continue to take care of yourselves.

Sincerely,

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