



October 8, 2021

Dear Dom Lipa Families, Friends, Employees and Supporters,

In this communication, we provide information regarding: our farewell to Magdalena Finat, an update of the current COVID-19 exposure, another reminder of our Lipathon 2021 fundraiser and our wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving.

Farewell to Magdalena Finat, Director of Care

As you may have heard, our Director of Care, Magdalena Finat, is retiring from Dom Lipa on October 15, 2021. Our heartfelt thank you, Magda, for the 31 years you have dedicated to Dom Lipa's residents and staff!

The Directors of the Board, along with the administration team and staff sincerely appreciate Magda's hard work, commitment, and leadership. Over the years, she has provided hands-on care herself and then took on the role of leading staff in providing excellent care to our residents.

We also recognize that Magda has been at the helm of our successes in reducing transmissions of the Covid-19 virus and in dealing with the pandemic over the past 18 months. She implemented ever-changing infection control standards, testing, and visiting policies with great attention to detail and considered the impact on staff, residents, and families. She was instrumental in working with Toronto Public Health and Trillium Health Partners to quickly implement Infection Protection and Control (IPAC) training for staff early in the pandemic.

We are grateful for the extra time and devoted hard work of Magda and the administration team to anticipate, pivot quickly and mitigate threats to the safety of our residents and staff, which avoided Covid-19 related deaths.

We would have liked to have a party at Dom Lipa to celebrate Magda but Covid-19 protocols at long-term care homes do not permit it. Thus, we have found ways to gather in small groups to honour Magda. The personal support workers hosted a luncheon in mid-September, and the nursing staff organized a dinner together in a restaurant. Other small events will be taking place, and we hope to have TPH clearance to have a small recognition gathering before Magda leaves us.

We will miss Magda at Dom Lipa and we wish her all the best in her new adventures!

Covid-19 Exposure

We are pleased to report we have not yet seen any transmissions of the Covid-19 virus to residents or staff during the current exposure.

We are continuing to work with Toronto Public Health (TPH) on the exposure risk identified on September 28th. We hope to be 'cleared' by TPH on October 12th. All residents are encouraged to wear masks during personal care.

Staff will follow contact and droplet precautions and will use goggles, when caring for residents. Non-immunized staff will be tested twice each week with PCR testing, until the exposure is declared over by TPH.

Lipathon 2021

Together we can! Skupaj zmoremo!

Please show your support by donating on the Dom Lipa Donate webpage. Remember to select 'Lipathon' as the reason for your donation. Go to <http://www.domlipa.ca/donations>
You may also mail a cheque to the address below.

Enjoy the show, which was held live on September 18th, by going to <https://www.facebook.com/lipathon2021/videos/650385695939068/>

This week Lipathon 2021 has also been posted on YouTube. Check it out at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SnEM6fKULNY>

We are so pleased and thankful to all our donors, who have together raised \$81,885.00 to date to benefit our seniors at Dom Lipa. Every donation counts and they add up quickly. Please help us reach the \$130,000 we raised last year!

Every year, Dom Lipa relies on donations to help provide extra programming, infection control supplies and to help with the upkeep of our aging building. This year we will need to replace the roof and the heating and air conditioning systems on our 30-year-old building.

May you enjoy the Thanksgiving weekend, reflecting on all the blessings over the past year. May we all continue to be blessed with strength, safety, peace, and endurance during these challenging times.

Sincerely,

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