



DOM LIPA

SLOVENIAN LINDEN FOUNDATION

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Dear Dom Lipa Families, Friends, Employees and Supporters,

In this communication we remind you about common practices when showing your appreciation of our hard-working staff and give tips how to keep yourselves and loved ones safe from viruses. Finally, we report on Lipathon 2022 and thank all donors, and, and wish you a wonderful Christmas season.

### Appreciating the Staff at Dom Lipa

Thank you for appreciating our hard-working, dedicated staff at Dom Lipa! We encourage you to consider acknowledging the whole team and not just an individual.

At Dom Lipa, as in hospitals and other long term care homes, there are policies and common practices that staff must not accept money or expensive gifts. Inexpensive tokens of appreciation are welcome and appropriate.

You may also write a note of appreciation to the supervisor of a staff member, who will be happy to share it with the staff member.

If you wish to bring in food items, think about individually wrapped food items which can be distributed to team members. To prevent the spread of colds, the flu and COVID-19 and to maintain infection prevention and control procedures, we do not allow any food at the nursing stations or on the units. During the unannounced visit by the Ministry of Long-Term Care in the fall, the inspectors noted that there was food at the nursing stations and gave Dom Lipa a non-compliance warning.

Boxed cookies or other sweets cannot be opened and safely shared, so they will be distributed to staff as they leave the building.

You may also consider making a donation to Dom Lipa honouring certain teams or staff members. The donations will help with renovations to the building and will add to the comfort and safety of our staff as well as our residents. To donate online, go to <https://www.domlipa.ca/> and click on the green DONATE NOW button.

### Keeping Safe During Virus Season in the Community

During this winter, we are all battling colds, the flu and COVID-19 in the community. Here are a few reminders for staying healthy and protecting others from illness during the holiday season:

- Put on a mask when visiting and wash your hands often.
- Try to physically distance when indoors. Avoid eating and drinking close to others if you suspect you or others might be ill.

- Stay up-to-date with flu and COVID-19 vaccinations. This has proven to be extremely effective in reducing the severity of illness and communicability.
- Continue to self-monitor for symptoms of any kind of viral respiratory infections and stay home or take extra precautions when showing any symptoms. You continue to be infectious while you have symptoms like a lingering cough.

Remember that the rules are stricter in Dom Lipa to protect our seniors, so check the Dom Lipa's Current Visitation Protocols and COVID-19 Information for up to date information for visitors and essential caregivers. See <https://www.domlipa.ca/current-visitation-protocols-and-covid-19-information>

Thank you for donating to Lipathon 2022: *Together we can! Skupaj zmoremo!*

Thank you to all for your generous donations for Lipathon 2022 which we have collected total of \$83,450.00! The Slovenian community has been a constant support for Dom Lipa's work with seniors, we are so grateful!

While we did not reach our very ambitious goal of \$400,000, your continuous support and donation will help ensure the building is sound and safe for our seniors and staff.

The full musical event is available on two platforms:  
Facebook Lipathon 2022 at [www.facebook.com/lipathon2022](http://www.facebook.com/lipathon2022)  
or on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/9l2ZcSAXWNo>

#### Holiday Greetings

The Directors of Dom Lipa extend deep gratitude to Ms. Jolanta Linde, our Executive Director, the administrative team and all staff for the continued hard work and dedicated service caring for our seniors in these very challenging times. The fall has been especially challenging with all the construction work on the roof, the leaking basement, and new water leaking into the building during the recent slushy weather. Thank you all! Stay Dom Lipa strong!

The Directors also thank Dom Lipa Families, Friends and Supporters for providing essential caregiving, for volunteering, and for the many gifts and messages of support. We hope you and your families come together to relax and share stories over the holidays.

Želimo Vam blagoslovljene božične praznike, ter srečno, zdravo in uspešno Novo leto!

Merry Christmas and good health in the New Year!

Sincerely,  
The Board of Directors of the Slovenian Linden Foundation – Dom Lipa

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