



DOM LIPA

SLOVENIAN LINDEN FOUNDATION

May 24, 2024

Dear Dom Lipa Families, Friends, Employees and Supporters,

In this communication we remind you about an upcoming Dom Lipa Information Session on Zoom and good practices when applying to Dom Lipa for either Retirement Living or Long-Term Care Nursing suites. We also inform you of a Covid-19 outbreak at the home.

Zoom Information Session – Monday May 27th at 7pm – Applications to Dom Lipa

We will have a virtual information session on Zoom for community members on Monday, May 27th at 7 pm. Melissa Šuštar, Social Worker and Activation and Volunteer Coordinator, will talk about:

- the application process to the Retirement Living wing which is handled by Dom Lipa staff
- the application process to the Long-Term Care Nursing wings which is handled by the Home and Community Care Coordinator (part of the Ministry of Long-Term Care)
- services at Dom Lipa.

This virtual information session is a repeat of the in-person information session held Sunday April 28th. Almost 20 attendees came to the in-person session at the Parish Hall at our Lady of the Miraculous Medal.

Key learnings:

- apply early for the Retirement Living side; you can always decline an offer and stay on the list
- prepare the application for the Long-Term Care Nursing once you arrive in Retirement Living
 - indicate on your application that you are of Slovenian descent, or enjoy Slovenian food and entertainment so it is clear you have a preference for Dom Lipa
 - indicate you will accept all types of Long-Term Care Nursing accommodation (basic, semi-private, private) to increase your chances to be accepted – there will be opportunities to move suites within Dom Lipa in the future.

There is no need register for this session in advance.

Join us by Zoom to hear more about the application processes for the two parts of our home: Retirement Living wing and the Long-Term Care Nursing wings.

Time: Mon May 27, 2024 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://utoronto.zoom.us/j/81950608537>

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Dom Lipa has 66 beds in the Long-Term Care Nursing wings and 30 beds in the Retirement Living wing:

- There were 22 new admissions into Long-Term Care Nursing in 2023
- The waitlist for Long-Term Care Nursing is 181 as of March 20, 2024
- Currently 54% of Long-Term Care Nursing residents are of Slovenian descent.
- There is 1 vacant bed in Retirement Living. Dom Lipa cannot keep this open for long because we rely on the revenue from each Retirement Living bed.
- The waitlist in Retirement Living is short, with approximately 10 people on it.
- At this time, 76% of Retirement Living residents are of Slovenian descent.

Covid-19 Outbreak

On May 14, 2024 an outbreak was declared at Dom Lipa in the Kastelic long-term nursing care wing. We immediately notified and started working with public health to help prevent spread. Staff also implemented cohorting protocols as soon as the outbreak was declared. This means that staff are assigned to a specific area so they do not spread the virus to other areas of the home during their shift.

To date on the Kastelic Wing, we have 11 residents with Covid-19. Two other residents have symptoms but are Covid-19 negative. One resident was very ill and was transferred to hospital.

Unfortunately, the virus spread to the Retirement Living wing. As of May 21, 2024 there are 8 residents who remain isolated. They receive all meals and services in their rooms. One resident was very ill and was transferred to hospital.

On May 23rd, Trillium Hospital Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC) consultants attended to take part in a Team Meeting with Dom Lipa staff. The Trillium IPAC consultants also did a thorough inspection of Dom Lipa's infection control practices.

Based on the most recent symptomatic case on May 22nd, the outbreak will continue for at least another 9 days.

Dom Lipa's investigations confirm that a resident returning to our home from Trillium Hospital had shared a room with a Covid-19 patient while in hospital. Dom Lipa was not informed the resident had been exposed to Covid-19. Thus, the resident was not isolated upon their return and residents who were spending time in the same area as the returning resident were the first infected. Dom Lipa has discussed this lack of information with the Trillium IPAC consultants in the hope we will be better informed in the future.

We remind family and visitors to follow good infection control procedures when at Dom Lipa.

We wish everyone a lovely weekend!

Sincerely,

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

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