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I hope that this update finds you well. It is hard to believe that we have been living in a time of a “new” normal for over nine months. As you are aware, the number of COVID-19 cases has been increasing over the past couple of weeks and our government and public health officials are making changes to address the on-going challenges.

Late yesterday, the Ford government announced that five Public Health Regions would be moving into levels with stronger public health measures as of Monday December 21, 2021. For our Thrive Group sites, this impacts Hamilton as it moves into the Grey-Lockdown and Brant County as it moves into Red. These increased measures are as a result of the increasing number of cases, outbreaks, hospitalizations and Intensive Care Unit occupancy levels in these regions. We continue to be in Grey-Lockdown in Peel Region, Red in Halton Region and Orange in Haldimand County. You can review the public health measures by level by going on this link - [Ontario.ca/covidresponse](https://ontario.ca/covidresponse) and we will continue to advise you of what these changes mean to our organizations.

We are so proud of our staff as they embrace all of these changes. They are stars and continue to demonstrate their strong commitment to our residents and clients by adhering to best and safe practices. During this holiday season, we want to continue to remind you and all of our extended Thrive Group family to remain healthy and safe while following the public health measures. The holidays will be different this year for all of us however, we know how critical it is for us to continue to be diligent now and over the coming few months.

As way of update, I wanted to inform you that Idlewyld Manor continues to be in outbreak with minimal active cases. The team is working hard to resolve the outbreak. I also wanted to inform you that we have no other active cases at any of our other 16 sites.

I know that this is and continues to be a very challenging time for all of us. Our team truly appreciates all the support, incredible messages of encouragement and your commitment to ensuring that we mitigate the risk of the virus spreading at our homes and in the community.

Yesterday, I shared an update with you that the vaccine will be coming soon to the Hamilton and other higher risk regions across the province. The government has directed that these initial vaccines will be provided to healthcare staff and essential caregivers at long-term care homes. We are anticipating that some of our St. Peter’s Residence at Chedoke and Idlewyld Manor staff and essential caregivers will be receiving these initial vaccines over the coming couple of weeks. This is very exciting news and is a game changer and I will continue to provide you up to date information as it becomes available.

Stay well and make the best of the weekend.

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