



**December 24, 2020**

Hello everyone,

As we near the end of 2020, I wanted to extend my best wishes to each of you over the holiday season. We all know that this will be a very different time and I hope that you are able to connect with those living with you, or virtually with extended family, to celebrate over the next several days. As COVID-19 numbers continue to rise, we know that through more restrictions, we can collectively mitigate the risk of spreading this virus.

I wanted to provide you with a short update and inform you that we continue to work with Public Health and the provincial government to implement the changing directives and precautions.

I wanted to let you know that while we are still considered in outbreak at Idlewyld Manor, we have no active cases as of this morning. We are hoping that the outbreak will be declared over in the coming week. I also wanted to inform you that we have no active COVID-19 cases at any of our other 16 supportive, transitional, congregate and long-term care settings. As always, we will continue to provide you with up to date information on our website.

I am also pleased to inform you that a number of staff and essential caregivers from St. Peter's Residence at Chedoke and Idlewyld Manor are in the process of being vaccinated against the virus. Health Canada approved the Moderna vaccine as the second COVID-19 vaccine to be used yesterday. This vaccine is more stable when transported and will be the vaccine used for our residents and clients living in our homes! We will keep you informed of any new details regarding vaccinations as more information becomes available.

We are so thankful for all the patience and understanding you have demonstrated over the past ten months as we continue to ensure the health and well-being of our clients, residents, staff and family members. I commend our staff for being so diligent in their care and support of our residents and clients and adhering to all precautionary measures during this time. We are grateful to have such a dedicated team of staff across all our locations, who have risen to the challenge, been positive in their approach and shown endless compassion toward the individuals we serve.

I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday. Merry Christmas and all the best to you and your family in 2021.

Steve Sherrer  
CEO