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Hello everyone,

I hope that everyone made the best of the weekend.

I wanted to let everyone know that we continue to be in outbreak at Idlewyld Manor with two asymptomatic staff at home in isolation. In addition, we have one asymptomatic staff and one symptomatic client at our HUB site in isolation. As you know, we continue with our weekly surveillance testing of staff at our long-term care sites. As a result of testing completed last week, we have two asymptomatic positive staff at St. Peter's resulting in Public Health placing the home in outbreak. We have no additional cases of COVID-19 at our other sites at this time.

Today, we also received news about some changes to the COVID-19 distribution plans in Ontario and locally. As you likely know, the vaccine manufacturer Pfizer-BioNTech has had some delays which has resulted in the public health units throughout the province reallocating vaccine to other health units yet to receive vaccine. This redistribution will ensure that all long-term care residents in the province have their first dose by February 5, 2021. Our long-term care residents that received their first dose of vaccine earlier this month will still have their second dose with a slight delay of approximately one week. We do not have the details or dates of the next long-term care resident vaccine clinics but will share this information with residents and families as it becomes available. It was also shared that staff and essential caregivers will also experience a delay in getting their second vaccine dose. Public Health is working on their plans to communicate these changes to any affected staff and essential caregivers. This delay in the second vaccine dose was decided with expert guidance from the National Advisory Committee on Immunizations (NACI), the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Center for Disease Control (CDC).

As always, we will continue to post updates and documents on the website as changes occur.

I wish you all the best and please be safe.

Steve Sherrer
CEO