



December 17, 2020

Dear Good Samaritan Independent Living residents,

As we get closer to the Christmas season, I wanted to take a moment to thank each of you for your continued support and understanding with all of the changes that have had to be implemented over the past nine months.

At this time, I would also like to remind you that it is a public health order that independent living residents do not mingle with other residents of the care home (this includes long term care and assisted living residents). This would not apply if you are considered an essential or designated visitor for someone in long term care. We would also ask that you limit interacting and mingling with other independent living residents in order to keep yourself safe. I recognize how difficult this is, and I want to thank you for assisting us with the precautions to keep COVID from spreading.

As a friendly reminder, the provincial government currently requires people to mask when in an indoor public setting. Due to this, we kindly ask that all of our independent living residents wear a mask when they are in the common areas of the home. Masks will be provided to you in the common areas along with hand hygiene stations.

Finally, I wanted to encourage you to please limit your time spent in the community, and if you must go out, to please wear a mask, physically distance from others, and perform hand hygiene regularly. As well, please keep in mind that the provincial government has currently restricted social gatherings, and everyone is encouraged to celebrate with your immediate household or core bubble. If you are having someone from your core bubble visit you at your home, please ensure that they are masked, they go immediately to your suite, they perform hand hygiene when entering and exiting the building, and they do not interact with any other residents. Please continue to follow the provincial public health orders to keep not only yourself safe, but our other tenants, residents and community.

I know that this Christmas is going to look very different for all of us, but together we can ensure that our residents and employees are kept as safe as possible. If you have any questions, please reach out to your site manager, or feel free to email goodsaminfo@gss.org.

I want to wish you a very happy holiday season, and hope for a better year in 2021.

Sincerely,

Scott Fielding
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