



December 20, 2020

Dear residents and loved ones of Good Samaritan Stony Plain Care Centre and Cottages,

Recently, an employee at the care home tested positive for COVID-19. Due to this, we are currently awaiting guidance from public health regarding an outbreak status. I want to assure you that we will be working closely with Alberta Health Services, and are complying with the orders from the Chief Medical Officer of Health to take the necessary steps to protect the residents and employees at the care home. Out of an abundance of caution, we have implemented the following precautions:

- All group activities and non-essential outings or services have been cancelled. Residents will receive one-to-one recreation.
- Enhanced cleaning is being conducted throughout the building.
- Residents and employees are undergoing additional screenings, including temperature checks. Employees will be monitoring residents closely for COVID-19 symptoms.

Residents of D1, D2 and the supportive living cottages have been put on contact droplet precautions, meaning they are being isolated in their rooms as much as possible and employees are wearing full personal protective equipment (gloves, gown, mask and face shield) when providing care and services. In addition, employees will change their equipment when moving between rooms.

We are currently completing asymptomatic testing for residents and employees in the areas noted above. Should any resident test positive, I can assure you that their primary contact or legal health representative will be notified right away.


Should any resident in the care home begin to show symptoms, they will automatically be placed on contact droplet precautions, meaning that they will be isolated in their rooms and employees will wear full personal protective equipment when providing care and services.

At this time, all social visits remain on hold. We are also asking all designated family and support visitors to please limit your visits to the care home unless deemed essential to the resident's well-being. If you must visit in person, please call the care home to arrange a time. Compassionate care visits (e.g. end-of-life) will continue as normal. I would strongly encourage you to reach out to the care home to arrange virtual visits or visit [www.gss.org/well-wishes](http://www.gss.org/well-wishes) to share photos and messages with those in our care.

If you have any questions, please contact Sherry Busslinger, site manager, at 780-963-2261. If you call and we do not answer right away, please leave a message, and someone from the Stony Plain team will get back to you as soon as possible.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Sincerely,



Scott Fielding

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