



January 5, 2021

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

Since my last letter to you on December 30, I need to advise you that our current COVID-19 case count is as follows:

- Four active resident COVID-19 cases (all cases are on D1).
- One active employee COVID-19 case.
- One employee has recovered.

It is with a heavy heart that I inform you one of our residents who was COVID-19 positive has passed away. On behalf of the entire organization, I would like to say that our thoughts and prayers are with their family during this difficult time, and we are deeply sorry for their loss. Chaplaincy support is available to any residents, families or employees who need someone to talk to at this time.

I know that this information is concerning, but I would like to assure you that we continue to comply with all of the Public Health orders and will continue to work closely with Alberta Health Services to mitigate the spread of the virus. All of the outbreak protocols outlined in past communication continues to be in place.

All asymptomatic swabbing from the last round of tests has come back negative, and we are working on re-swabbing all employees and the residents of D1 today. Any future asymptomatic testing will be coordinated with Alberta Health Services. I can assure you that should any resident test positive, their primary contact or legal health representative will be notified immediately.

Late last week we were notified of the exciting news that employees at our care home will be offered the COVID-19 vaccine soon. Employees are now being contacted by Public Health to book an appointment to receive the vaccination at an off-site location. I want to assure you that immunized healthcare workers are still required to adhere to existing personal protective equipment guidance and all COVID-19 infection, prevention and control requirements. As soon as we receive information on immunizing residents, we will share it with you.


Social visits continue to be on hold, and we are kindly asking all designated family and support visitors not to visit the care home unless deemed essential to the resident's well-being. If you are a designated visitor and must visit in person, please call the care home to schedule your visit in advance so we can continue to limit the number of people in the building at one time. Compassionate care visits (e.g. end-of-life) will continue as normal. Please continue to reach out to the care home to arrange virtual visits or [www.gss.org/well-wishes](http://www.gss.org/well-wishes) to share photos and messages with those in our care.

During this difficult time, I want to assure you that our employees are doing everything they can to keep our residents safe and cared for. Please visit our website to see the most up-to-date case numbers in between our weekly updates: <https://gss.org/covid-19-outbreak-disclosure/>.

If you have any questions, please contact Sherry Busslinger, site manager, at 780-963 8475. 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,



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