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Thank you to for your continued commitment to the safety and protection of our Communities.

As the pandemic progresses, Fairview Parkwood continues to adjust protocols accordingly, with the common goal of stopping the spread of covid-19 in our communities.

As spring approaches, we find ourselves at a critical stage:

- Progress has stalled, as the decline in cases have levelled off
- Public Health Units across the province are reporting an increase in cases in all age groups
- Variants of concern continue to spread in Ontario
- Primer Ford has declared the Third Wave in Ontario has now begun

We understand strict measures are difficult, however, the protection and safety of our communities is paramount as we assess risk given these current conditions.

## Unvaccinated Essential Caregivers – Rapid Antigen Testing Changes

We appreciate that some Essential Caregivers are unable or have decided not to be vaccinated. For your safety and the protection of our residents, *mandatory Rapid Antigen Testing* is being implemented for *unvaccinated Essential Caregivers* starting Thursday, *March 18<sup>th</sup>*, 2021. Therefore, if you are not vaccinated you are required to be tested every day you visit. For example, if you visit five days per week, you will be required to be tested all of the five days.

## Visiting Protocols

Waterloo Region continues to be in the **Red Zone (Control) Level**. This places the following restrictions within the region:

- Only essential caregivers are permitted to visit
- A maximum of one caregiver per resident at a time
- Visits are **limited** to the Resident **Home Area** and **designated outside area**; the outer property is not permitted
- Absences are not permitted, except for medical or compassionate reasons
- No general visitors are permitted to visit or be on the property

Thank you for your support and commitment as we continue to fight covid.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to a member of the leadership team.

With Kindness, Elaine Shantz, CEO