

FAMILY UPDATE FROM VENTA CARE CENTRE

Thursday, December 31, 2020

To our Residents and Family Members

Happy New Years Eve! Let us Welcome in 2021! It will be nice to put 2020 in the rear-view mirror.

Today was a GREAT DAY! We vaccinated 70 Residents with the Moderna Vaccine. The process was extremely efficient, and we are proud of the Vaccination Team who worked so hard to ensure complete accuracy in the delivery to the residents. We will continue with the rest of the vaccinations tomorrow. This is dose 1 of 2 and the second dose will take place 21-28 days after the 1st dose.

AHS Media was also onsite today taking pictures of the Residents receiving the vaccine. We will post some pictures over the coming days. You can check the AHS social media forum for our pictures.

We again thank all those who acted quickly to complete and send in the consent form. We are grateful to AHS/Alberta Government for giving Venta Care Centre the opportunity to be one of the first Long Term Care facilities to get the vaccine.

Our staff also began receiving their vaccinations today. This is a great step forward in protecting those who are the most vulnerable among us, and those we serve. In our eyes we consider this a lottery win.

We have 29 RECOVERED Residents and 16 recovered staff.

There are a total of 4 residents that have passed away. Although any loss is devastating, we need to share this added explanation for your understanding and context.

Many residents enter Long Term Care with pre-existing health conditions. These conditions put them at a heightened risk of acquiring new infections, including COVID-19, and facing increased challenges in their recovery from such illnesses. Not only does an illness like COVID-19 directly impact their health, but it can also negatively impact their pre-existing health conditions. This can result in a sudden deterioration in the health of the resident. Although a death may be related to COVID-19 it does not mean that the loss is because of COVID-19 exclusively. We do not want to diminish the loss; these are important facts to remember when deaths are reported. Please keep in mind most of our Residents are asymptomatic or have very mild symptoms.

Helen continues making calls to those families whose loved ones have tested positive to provide a medical update daily. If you have other questions other than medical questions, please direct them to Kimberley Becker 780 377 4408/780 952 9596 or email at kbecker@ventacarecentre.com .

We do our best to communicate and be fully transparent with what is happening in the facility. We continue to be fully staffed; this is a remarkable accomplishment as other facilities have not been so fortunate. Our cleaning process and all Infection Prevention Control practices are in place. All our staff are screened each time they enter the building and are provided all PPE required. All resident care is being provide according to the Continuing Care Health Service Standards. Venta Care Centre has shared



with you before we have had 4 AHS and Alberta Health audits to ensure our compliance and we have received 100%. You can be confident your loved ones are being care for and loved. We are in full compliance with all the MOH Orders (you can view them on the AHS website, as these documents are very lengthy) If you have questions that you are wondering about or would like answered please email myself at kbecker@ventacarecentre.com I am most happy to respond.

For any **Essential Visitors** being allowed to visit during this time. **IT IS MANDATORY THAT EVERY VISTIOR FOLLOWS THE PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT AND PROCESS. NON-COMPLIANCE WILL NOT BE TOLERATED AND MAY RESULT IN YOUR VISITNG PRIVLAGES BEING SUPSPENDED. IT IS THE PRIMARY CONTACT THAT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING THAT ALL VISITORS ARE AWARE AND FOLLOW THE RULES IN PLACE.** These processes are in place for the protection of the residents, family members and staff. Please work with us as we work to keep everyone safe.

Laundry for units 100/1200, 2200/2500/2600 and 300 remain suspended during this time. Please no drop offs or pick ups. If your loved is on unit 1000 you may continue to drop off and pick-up laundry on Tuesday.

Dr. Gandham or a Nurse Practitioner are in the building daily to provide medical support to our team.

Please use discretion when calling the nursing units as our team is continuing to provide quality care to all our residents. If you are calling the nursing station and there does not seem to be an answer right away, our team is busy providing care, they can not always drop what they are doing and answer the phone as they must always maintain correct Infection Prevention and Control practices. Thank you for your understanding.

We are committed to full transparency and open communication.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Kimberley Becker at 780 952 9596.

Respectfully
Dr. Peter Birzgalis
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