

## Respiratory Illness Season Update

Thank you for your continued commitment to ensuring the health and safety of our residents, staff and caregivers in our long-term care home, especially over this challenging respiratory illness season.

While recent trends have shown continued decreases in community level transmission of COVID-19, flu and RSV, as well as decreases in outbreaks in LTCHs, with lower risk of severe illness and hospitalization amongst residents, and increased vaccination rates outbreaks can still be expected.

Our home has decreased its masking procedures for staff and visitors, from a Level 3 mask to a Level 2 mask. As local outbreaks have shown a recent increase we will be continuing with Level 2 masks through the Easter long weekend.

We encourage everyone to continue to be vigilant while visiting friends and family over the holiday weekend for any acute illnesses. We will continue to screen all staff and visitors for symptoms of illness upon entry to the building.

Once Easter has passed, we will re-evaluate our masking procedures with regards to local illnesses and outbreaks and determine at that time if masking will no longer be required.

At that time, we will still continue to screen all staff and visitors for any symptoms of illness upon entry.

Thank you for your continued cooperation in keeping everyone safe.