



## COVID-19 UPDATE FOR MAPLEWOOD CARE SOCIETY

Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Happy New Year! I hope this update finds you well and looking forward to what 2021 brings.

Maplewood Care Society started the year off with good news. Fraser Health gave the staff an opportunity to receive their first vaccines throughout the days leading up to the Christmas holidays. On New Year's Day, we received notice that our Residents would have the opportunity to receive their first dose of the Pfizer COVID- 19 vaccine. On January 3, 2021 at MSA Manor and January 4, 2021 at Maplewood House the staff welcomed and worked with the Fraser Health Outreach immunization team to assist in administering the vaccines to eligible residents. You could feel the excitement and relief as the vaccine was being administered.

We have been informed that the second dose of the COVID vaccine for staff will start the week of January 18<sup>th</sup>. This program is being run through Fraser Health, and staff will be contacted to book their 2<sup>nd</sup> dose of the vaccine. The dates that residents will receive their second dose has not been announced yet. We will inform you closer to the time.

The roll-out of COVID-19 vaccines gives us all a sense of hope but comes with a realization that we are still in the midst of a pandemic and must continue to do our part in preventing the spread of COVID-19.

All of our infection control practices and visiting protocols remain in place at this time. Staff continue to be screened twice a shift and are diligent in wearing PPE in all areas. Staff continue to report any symptoms at first sign, stay home and get tested. Residents continue to be screened twice daily and are swabbed if any symptoms are suspected. The care team is committed to putting the safety of residents first.

A big thank you must go out to all the staff for their great work, and to the residents and families for their resilience during 2020 and as we head into this new year. Each one of us has had a part in our successes, in overcoming our past outbreaks, and in meeting the daily challenges of our current policies. Again, thank you!

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Krista Homfeld, Director of Resident Services, at 604-870-7560.

In the words of Dr. Henry: "Be kind, be calm, and be safe."

Warm wishes,

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