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Dear Sir or Madam,

RE: Notification to Patients and Residents of a COVID-19 Positive Case at Deer Lodge Centre (DLC)

This letter is to advise you that a patient at DLC on Lodge 4 East (L4E) Geriatric Rehabilitation Unit has tested positive for COVID-19. DLC is connecting with primary contacts of the Patients to ensure they are aware of this as well as our plans to prevent the spread of the illness. *L4E is considered an Acute Care unit and guidelines for declaring an outbreak in Acute Care requires two positive cases. Therefore, we are not declaring an outbreak on the unit at this time.*

We are closely monitoring all Patients for symptoms. Deer Lodge Centre tests all patients and residents experiencing respiratory symptoms to determine the cause of their illness. This includes testing for COVID-19. Primary contacts will be notified if their family member is being tested along with any results.

DLC is working together with the Public Health Office, Occupational Health, and Infection Prevention and Control to investigate this case and identify all close contacts with the affected patient. You and your primary contact will be notified if you have been identified as a close contact to the affected individual.

We appreciate this is very unsettling news for you as well as other patients, residents and their loved ones. Please be assured we have moved quickly to enact precautions to limit any spread of illness. The care needs of our patients and residents remain our top priority.

The following measures have been implemented at DLC:

- The affected Patient with the positive test for COVID-19 and those who have been identified as close contacts will remain in their room at all times to the extent possible. All Patients continue to receive care by staff dedicated to their needs.
- The Centre continues to actively screen employees for days, evenings, and nights.

- We continue to enforce infection control measures which include physical distancing during meals and unit activities.
- All unit staff will continue to wear protective equipment to further prevent any potential transmission between staff members and/ or Patients.
- Employees are expected to stay home when sick, even if symptoms are mild.
- We will continue to implement any directions provided by the Provincial Public Health Office, Occupational Health and the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority.
- DLC continues to operate with all special COVID-19 safety protocols in place.

Please talk to your Manager of Patient Care if you have questions or concerns related to this information. Primary Contacts of Patients can call the Patient/ Resident Hotline at any time with questions or concerns at 204-833-1760. We will work to return calls as quickly as we can. Check our website regularly for Centre-wide updates at www.deerlodge.mb.ca and provincial updates related to COVID-19 at www.covid19manitoba.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin A. Scott". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "K" and "S".

Kevin A. Scott
Chief Operating Officer