

December 17, 2020

Dear Resident/Family,

The health and safety of our personal care home residents, and the staff who care for them each and every day, is a top priority. Since the spring, we have implemented a number of precautions to protect your loved one.

Beginning December 21, 2020, our facility will be one of three Manitoba Sites participating in a pilot project that will examine the benefits of asymptomatic surveillance testing of staff working in Manitoba PCHs.

This pilot will use the Abbot Panbio COVID-19 rapid antigen test and will test staff that are showing no symptoms of COVID-19 and have no known exposure to the virus.

As a participating facility, we encourage all staff to take part in this important initiative. Participation is voluntary and staff will be tested once per week.

It is important to emphasize that eligible staff must not have symptoms of COVID-19 or any known exposure to the virus. Staff with symptoms of, or a known exposure to, COVID-19 continue to be required to self-isolate and are not permitted to work until they have been cleared to return.

Staff that receive a positive test result will be considered “probable positive” and will be required to isolate pending confirmation of the results by a laboratory test. Their probable positive result will be shared with Public Health and contact tracing will begin immediately.

If the test is confirmed positive, the staff member will continue to follow the directions of public health and occupational health services or designate until they are cleared to return to work.

We are excited to be taking part in this pilot project which will assess the effectiveness of the new rapid testing equipment. Once the results of the pilot project are known, it is expected the project will be expanded to other licensed personal care homes in the weeks ahead.

We remain committed to providing your loved one with ongoing care and compassion. If you have questions about this pilot project we encourage you to reach out to us at any time.

Sincerely,



Kevin A. Scott
Chief Operating Officer