Covid-19 Residents Update – May 19th, 2020

As we move gingerly into Phase Two of the reopening of the economy and life in general I want to let you know, as previously stated, that we are watching progress carefully and continue to be guided in our protocols by directives from provincial and Island health authorities.

On today's weekly teleconference with Island Health, we were advised that protocols remain in place for Assisted Living and Long-Term Care residences. They include: "essential" visitors only; physical distancing of 2 meters/6 feet; limited group sizes; sanitizing; and limiting excursions into public places.

This means that we are not ready to "throw open our doors" to visitors; increase the numbers allowed in the elevator (I am sorry, I wish that we had two!); return the dining room to previous seating arrangements or social/recreation programmes to regular scheduling.

We are still considered a vulnerable part of the population so caution will be our guide while we move towards change. Please continue to be patient, with us and each other. Together we have worked hard, with care, compassion and vigilance to keep everyone safe. Let us all agree to err on the side of caution as we move into another new way of living and being together.

Thank you.
Karen Hope
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