**Wednesday, April 13 – 4:30 p.m.**

Organizational Update

Good afternoon,

Earlier this week, Ontario’s Chief Medical Officer of Health ruled out additional blanket mandates in the province, despite the continual rise in cases we are seeing. It has been a long 25 months, to be sure, but those who work in health care supporting our more vulnerable neighbours understand the risks associated with rising case numbers. In our Villages, we are grateful that for the most part, serious symptoms among those who have contracted the virus in this current wave are not common. However, such cases have happened and we continue to hold hope for all for safe recoveries. Serious illness or not, positive cases in our Villages mean outbreak measures can be implemented or extended, and despite all efforts, new cases are still emerging to cancel out those that have been resolved.

As we look ahead to families and friends gathering for Passover and Easter in the coming days, we urge all who are connected to our Villages to keep safe practices in mind. Please wear a mask in public settings, though it is not officially required, and don’t forget the value of distancing and proper hand hygiene. All projections point to further increases before things begin to improve, and we must all work together – as we have for so long – to get to an improved setting sooner.

In light of the holiday on Friday, our next report will be Monday. We wish our friends, partners and loved ones all the best and look forward to good news to come soon.

Thank you.

