**Monday, April 18 – 4:00 p.m.**

Organizational Update

Good afternoon,

According to media reports this past weekend, the province’s COVID-19 Science Advisory Table recently said Ontario was “well into” the sixth wave of the pandemic, which is being driven by the “new, more transmissible BA.2 variant, waning immunity and lifting of public health measures.”

Many of the same experts also say there is hope that cases in the province have once again “peaked.” In our Villages, however, we are still tracking increasing case numbers among residents, caregivers and team members, and we anticipate this will continue in the days following the holiday weekend. At this point, nobody connected to our villages who has tested positive is reporting anything more than mild or moderate symptoms, if any at all, which is consistent with what we’ve seen since the increase began at the beginning of this wave. Our teams continue to monitor everyone closely, testing often, and our infection prevention and control specialists review all strategies regularly to ensure we are doing all we can to reduce the risk of transmission.

We thank everyone for their ongoing understanding and cooperation.

