Wednesday, April 1 – 2:00 p.m.

Organizational Update

Good afternoon,

First, we’ll note that at this time, there are **no new confirmed cases of COVID-19 in our Villages** and we have had several negative tests returned from Public Health Units in several locations. Let’s continue to work hard to keep it that way, but also prepare for another positive case.

No changes to our Essential Visitors/Return-to-Work policies or Active Screening Protocols – Temperature Checks will remain in place at all screening for the duration of the pandemic.

Anyone Who Fails Screening is Not Permitted to Enter and We Strongly Recommend Residents in both LTC and our Retirement Homes only leave if it is absolutely necessary.

**New Resident Screening Tool**

Yesterday was a massive transition point following the new Chief Medical Officer of Health’s directive. Among many key points was the twice-daily screening of residents. We have streamlined the screening tool and are confident the new, simplified version follows the guidance of the directive, focusing only on symptoms, including temperature readings.

**PPE Update**

We want to assure our teams that we remain confident in our reserve supply of all Personal Protective Equipment. However, we must only use this important equipment when warranted under Infection Control protocols to ensure we aren’t needlessly wasting supplies.

Please review the Fact Sheet related to PPE use and COVID-19 transmission

**Groups of Five or More**

We want to provide clarity in regards to limiting groups to no more than five people. This recommendation is for external community gatherings; our internal community is different. Residents and rare essential visitors entering are Village are actively-screened.

Our recommendation continues to be for Villages to use their discretion and at all times consider space and social distancing for group programming. We know most Villages are already doing this.

Thank you for all you do!