Sunday, March 22 11:45 am

Organizational Update

As of the release of this update, there are still have **no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in any of our Villages.** While there are some currently managing respiratory outbreaks with confirmed influenza, all testing for COVID-19 has come back negative. Outbreak protocols are firmly in place in these Villages, and teams are doing a great job supporting residents.

Essential Visitors

 “Only essential visitors should be permitted to enter and must continue to be actively screened into these settings. Those who fail screening should not be permitted to enter. **Essential visitors are those who have a resident who is very ill or requiring end-of-life care.”**

Return-to-Work Policy

* Team members who have travelled outside the country must self isolate for 14 days;
* Team members who have close contact with someone with acute respiratory symptoms who has travelled outside of Canada must self isolate.
* Team members will not be able to return to work without a negative COVID-19 test or they have completed 14 days of self-isolation and are symptom free.
* **A doctor’s note is not enough**. If they do receive a negative test, they would still be away from the Village for 5 days as per our standard infection control protocols.
* **Any person who fails screening is not be permitted to enter!**

Our trusted **General Managers have final discretion** in all circumstances.

Infection Control Reminders

* In all outbreak situations, our standard outbreak protocols are in place; **Social Distancing** and **Hand Washing** is always a great defense;
* The Local Public Health Unit determines who is tested, and results may take up to five days, we are told;
* We strongly urge our independent residents to avoid leaving their Village unless it is essential;
* If residents must leave, we advise them to limit movements around the Village and self-monitor for symptoms. Every Village has come up with creative solutions to ensure independent RH residents have access to groceries – please share your Village’s information with them;
* We remind everyone that that we are cooperating with hospital and Public Health officials to ensure any new admissions from hospital have been thoroughly screened