

**Resident, Family, Friend and Responsible Party** **Newsletter – Apr. ‘23**

Dear Strathmere Lodge residents, family members, friends/responsible parties:

1. **Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic Update**

We are expecting the province to further relax some of the pandemic protocols still required of long term care homes, but for the moment, here are the main points currently governing visiting Lodge residents:

1. There is no vaccination requirement (though vaccination is highly recommended);
2. There is no limit as to who can visit, and how many can visit in a resident room at any one time (the privacy curtain must be drawn in shared resident rooms). Restrictions on visitor numbers will be implemented in an Outbreak situation;
3. We are asking family/visitors to maintain mask wearing at all times (covering mouth, nose and chin), and to refrain from food/drinks;
4. We continue to do on-site rapid antigen testing and health screening for both visitors and staff (mandated by the province); and
5. Residents may leave Lodge premises, and are not required to isolate upon return, unless COVID infection is suspected/determined (restrictions on residents leaving the premises for social outings will be in place in the event of an Outbreak situation).

The province continues to mandate COVID-19 pandemic protocols for provincial long term care homes.

The importance of not visiting when you feel unwell cannot be stressed enough (i.e., this will help to minimize the possibility of outbreaks).

Please ensure hand sanitizing before visiting a resident, and when leaving a resident’s room.

Please contact The Lodge with any questions regarding Visiting and/or The Lodge’s on-going response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

1. **Resident Hairdressing Services**

For residents who avail themselves of our on-site salon services, please be advised that there will be a price increase effective May 1, 2023.

A price list insert is included with our mailing.

1. **Lodge Improvements**

As part of adhering to our provincial long term care homes legislation, we are required to communicate improvements made to our care, services, programs, goods and accommodations. To that end, improvements made since our last newsletter include:

1. Replacement of our three (3) washers and 3 dryers used to launder resident clothing and linens (via provincial government grant).
2. **Labelling of Residents’ Clothing**



To prevent missing clothing … This is a reminder that new clothing needs to be labelled with the resident’s name before a resident begins to wear it (this also includes items such as shoes/slippers and personal blankets/throws). Please ensure that you use the Clothing Bin near the main entrance to deposit clothing requiring labelling, after inventorying the clothing items on the form provided at the bin (further instructions are provided at the clothing bin).

For inquiries regarding missing clothing and the like, please contact John Fournier, Environmental Services Manager, at (519) 245-2520, ext. 6244 (or, via email: jfournier@middlesex.ca).

1. **Labelling of Other Personal Resident Items**

Apart from clothes labelling noted above, residents/families are encouraged to label other personal resident effects (including new items brought to The Lodge from time-to-time), notably items that are more portable in nature, such as TV remote controls.

1. **In Conclusion ….**



Please let me know if you would like to see certain issues addressed in future newsletter editions (contact Brent Kerwin, Administrator, 519-245-2520, ext. 6222, or via

email at: bkerwin@middlesex.ca).

Please share a copy of this newsletter with other family members and friends, or direct them to our [web page](http://www.middlesex.ca/departments/long-term-care): <http://www.middlesex.ca/departments/long-term-care>.

Hardcopies of our newsletter are also maintained at our Public Information Board near Reception. Copies of older newsletter editions are compiled in binders at our Reception desk, and are available for your review.

**Brent Kerwin,** Administrator