



FRED DOUGLAS
SOCIETY

Uniting Health, Heart and Home

December 11, 2020

Dear Fred Douglas Resident Families and Loved Ones;

During this difficult time, all of us at Fred Douglas Lodge hope that you are doing well and doing your best to stay safe.

As of Friday, December 11 at 9:00AM:

Resident COVID Update:

We have been advised of an additional resident case on Evergreen. All positive residents continue to be cohorted on 2 wings of Spruce. All residents remain isolated in their rooms and are being closely monitored by the nursing and medical staff. The staff continues to keep individual families informed of resident conditions.

The status with our COVID outbreak is:

Total Resident Cases:	25
Active:	17
Recovered:	5
Passed Away:	3

Staff COVID Update:

We have been advised of another staff member testing positive. This staff member is a direct care provider. The active case count for staff is 7.

Staff members at all levels who have contracted COVID, have been required to self-isolate at home. In all cases, the management and nursing team are diligent at ensuring that staff members are fully recovered before they return to work. To date, we have been successful at recruiting replacement staff through agency usage, assistance from the WRHA, offering overtime to our staff and hiring new staff members.

Despite all of the safety measures we have put into place and continue to monitor and reinforce, our outbreak continues to expand. In order to slow transmission, we continue to quarantine all residents to their Unit. Dedicated Recreation staff continues to provide one to one support and stimulation with additional assistance from Social Work and Spiritual Care.

We have implemented or continue with the following:

- Employee movement between units is being kept to a minimum;
- Staff are staying on their unit for breaks or having their break in designated areas of the building ensuring physical distancing at all times;
- Staff continues to wear full PPE as per guidelines while in the building. Staff providing direct resident care are wearing N95 respirator masks in the affected areas;

- PPE supply levels are being closely monitored and maintained;
- All residents continue to have temperatures and oxygen levels checked at least twice a day and any change in their usual behavior is investigated immediately;
- Visiting, including visits for designated visitors, continues to be suspended for all except end of life and compassionate circumstances;
- We continue strict diligence to our enhanced cleaning procedures to ensure extra attention to high touch surfaces in resident rooms and other surfaces like common area handrails, door handles, light switches, table tops and employee conference rooms and washrooms;
- Physical screening of all staff upon entry to the facility by dedicated, trained screeners. This includes ensuring questions are asked and responded to, temperatures are taken and appropriate PPE is donned at entry before proceeding further into the building;
- Representatives from the WRHA are currently on site assisting the current management team.

I understand that this is a stressful time and everyone is worried. Please know that we are doing everything in our power to slow transmission among residents and staff and ensure that those who are sick are being closely monitored and receiving enhanced medical attention.

If you have any questions about the health status of your loved one, please call the Unit. As nursing staff are very busy at this time, please have patience in getting a call back if you leave a message.

Should you have any additional questions or concerns, you can reach me at rgarofalo@fdl.mb.ca.

Sincerely,



Roslyn Garofalo
CEO