



Date: October 29, 2020

To: Residents, Families and Friends of Edmonton Chinatown Care Centre

RE: Covid-19 update

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Today we are completing a third round of testing of all residents and staff. This additional swab is required as an extra check as the COVID-19 virus can have an incubation period during which it may not have been detectable in the previous tests. Residents were all tested yesterday and as of today, we have received all but two resident test results and all are negative. Staff testing has been done over the past two days and we anticipate that we will start getting these results tomorrow.

As we complete these tests, we can also report that no other residents or any staff have exhibited COVID-19 symptoms as part of this current outbreak. Providing we have no further positive tests, we are scheduled to come off the outbreak list on November 13, 2020. This means that we may be able to resume visiting around this date.

However, we will be hosting a zoom town hall meeting next week to discuss our visiting plan and its requirements. Our ability prevent COVID outbreaks is highly dependent on all of us following the Chief Medical Officer of Health's directions and the visitation guidelines that we have developed for ECCC. The Edmonton zone is experiencing a sharp rise in the number of outbreaks at continuing care centres. In some sites, the virus has spread not only among residents but also among staff which has created significant staffing issues on these sites. We want to avoid this, and so far we have. At the zoom meeting we will have an opportunity to review our visitation guidelines and provide any clarification you might need. Keep an eye on your email for the date and time for this meeting.

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