



October 13, 2021

VGM Residents and Families,

We are relieved to inform you that as of midnight, Tuesday, October 12, 2021, Public Health has declared the COVID-19 outbreak at VGM, **over!** It has been 24 days of intense focus to keep Residents and Staff as safe and healthy as possible, and minimizing the spread. During that time, every Resident and Staff Member was swabbed for the COVID virus six (6) times!

We would like to take the opportunity to give great thanks to the following individuals and groups:

- Our VGM Residents, for their adaptability and resilience
- Our amazing Staff, who took whatever precautions necessary to keep each other, our Residents, and their families, safe, including working long hours
- Employee significant others and families, who Staff and Management have barely seen during our outbreak
- Families, for their patience, understanding, cooperation, and kind messages
- Beacon Clinical Group, specifically Amy McLeod, who assisted with putting a COVID operational plan together last fall. It has proven itself priceless!
- The Provincial Rapid Outbreak Management Team (PROMT) Team of experts who guided us and ensured we had adequate supplies
- Members of our Volunteer Board of Directors, for their faith in our ability to handle whatever we are presented with
- Lewis Pharmacy for providing treats to Staff during one of the swabs
- Those who provided anonymous signs of encouragement and flowers for outside our building
- Sarah MacLean for donating creative supplies, reading materials, and puzzles for Residents
- Local Churches for their ongoing prayers
- Jordan Demerchant for quickly providing assistance
- Scott's Independent for preparing the delicious meals for our Staff
- The Department of Social Development for arranging supplies, and for answering calls 24*7
- Mary's Bake Shop and Carl's Dairy Bar for lending us disposable trays
- Carleton and Central Carleton Nursing Homes for sharing their supplies
- Hafke Property Maintenance for their generous donation to Staff
- NB Extra-Mural Program for providing teams to swab our Residents and Staff 6 times, and enabling Staff to quickly access our swab results online

- The Lab at Hotel Dieu Hospital for processing approximately 900 COVID swab tests
- Ambulance NB for helping with the swabbing process
- Service Master Fredericton for sanitizing our space over and over!
- Public Health for guiding and supporting us, and answering our many, many detailed questions
- Dr. Moore for our on-call needs, and for his words of wisdom

We are extremely thankful that we have had access to such a wide range of experts, dedicated Staff, and skilled professionals.

On another note, given we are under the rules of “Circuit Breaker”, we are unable to resume visits at this time. Additional details will follow.

Sincerely,

The VGM Management Team