



February 12, 2021

Re: COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic and other Updates

Dear Residents,

It has already been about a month that I last provided a COVID update. In many ways it feels like we have settled into a new normal. And although our activities are limited and many of our faces are covered, I am grateful for the sense of community we are able to experience together even as we all hope and long for an end to this.

Immunization Clinic Rescheduled

And hopefully the end is in sight!

Many of you will now be aware that the COVID-19 immunization clinic for the first dose of the vaccine has been rescheduled for **February 26**. This date has yet to be confirmed but we remain hopeful that the clinic will happen as scheduled.

Everything else about the clinic will remain the same, so please refer to letter provided last month regarding the details. We will not be using the previous sign-up and towards the end of next week, we will post new sign-up sheets on the windows of my office for Residents to once again pick their time slot.

Shalem Services

We are monitoring the provincial guidelines as they are updated and although some restrictions are being eased in the community, for now, we will continue to operate as we are.

The Dining Room will continue to provide dine-in service for the Haven Residents as well as those on meal plans. All other Residents will need to continue to order take-out until further notice.

As well, the Recreation team continues to work hard to provide safe activities for all Residents. I encourage you to take part in those as you are able and feel comfortable.

'Stay the Course'

Even with the immunization clinics around the corner, we will need to continue in our disciplines of masking, physical distancing, and sanitization even after the clinics have taken place. Although the number of new cases has dropped significantly over the past month, the new variant seems to be growing and we need to continue to be cautious.

Thank you for continuing to make safe choices in your life as these choices help to protect the entire Shalem community.

In All These Things

As we continue to preserve, remember the words of Romans 8. *'Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.'* (Romans 8:35,37)

Be encouraged. Be grateful. Be confident of God's love for you.

In gratitude for all of you!



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