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Dear Residents,

**Re: COVID-19 Update**

It is with great relief that we are once again seeing the number of COVID cases and the resulting hospitalizations decline. For that we are grateful.

As we have navigated this season, we have continually sought ways to keep Shalem safe and respond to the various waves of the pandemic. As you know we have already implemented a COVID vaccination policy requiring all staff, volunteers and contracted workers to be vaccinated to come onto Shalem's facility.

Although this current wave seems to be declining, Alberta Health Services is requesting us to implement some additional temporary health measures. In addition to visitor's being required to wear masks in all common spaces, under its status of a licensed supportive living facility, **effective immediately all visitors to the Haven must now wear masks continuously, including when visiting in a Resident's room.** If this causes a significant communication barrier, masks may be removed provided appropriate distance is maintained. Visitors to the Manor and Court must wear masks in all common areas, however, masks may be removed in the suites.

As those who are not fully immunized are at a significant higher risk to transmit COVID-19 to other people, putting our Residents and staff more at risk, we are also considering requiring ALL visitors and guests to be fully vaccinated in order to come into Shalem's facility.

Prior to implementing this, I want to hear from you, our Residents, to better understand your preference and level of comfort in this area.

Please complete the short survey attached and return to the box labeled “Survey Responses” on the table outside the Resident Life Office.

Thank you to each one of you for your continued efforts to keep each other safe. Together, with God’s help, we will persevere and be a stronger community as we show love, grace and compassion.



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