
To: Staff (including Agency Staff) and physicians of Copernicus Lodge Long Term Care Home
From: Copernicus Lodge & Unity Health Toronto Leadership
Subject: Staff and Physician Update – April 14, 2021

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Hello staff and physicians of Copernicus Lodge,

Today we are reaching out about:

1. COVID-19 Update
2. Staff Town Hall
3. COVID-19 vaccination
4. Updates and reminders

COVID-19 Update

Heightened Awareness of 6S declared over

- We are thrilled to report that we have come out of heightened surveillance related to the exposure of residents to a positive staff member on 6S.
- We have not seen any new cases since precautions were initiated, so we have removed all residents from precautions as of yesterday morning and are back to normal operations.

Status of Outbreak on 3S and Heightened Awareness on 3N

- All resident and staff surveillance testing has come back negative to date. Three residents on 3N were recently tested due to some atypical symptoms of COVID-19 and the results all came back negative.
- If we continue to have no new symptomatic residents or staff on both units, we will declare the outbreak over on 3S as of the morning of Saturday, April 17th. 3N's heightened awareness will be declared over at the same time.
- We are working with Public Health on a strategy to allow fully vaccinated residents on 3S and 3N to come out of precautions before the end of the outbreak. This is a complex process that requires extreme diligence and visibility for ease of decision-making.

Staff Town Hall

Follow up to April 13 Town Hall

Thank you to those of you who joined our Staff Town Hall yesterday afternoon. The recording from the Town Hall is accessible by clicking [this link](#).

A big congratulations to the winners of the COVID-19 Vaccination draw! Thank you for doing your part to protect yourself, your colleagues and our residents! Enjoy your prizes.

- 1st Prize: Melania Skorupa (Big Screen TV)
- 2nd Prize: Penpa Bhutia (BBQ)
- 3rd Prize: Ewa Kaminska (Rolling cooler)

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30:40-31:17	Closing remarks

Next Town Hall on Tuesday, April 20

The next Staff Town Hall will be on Tuesday, April 20 at 1:45pm. You can pre-submit questions to communications@copernicuslodge.com.

Zoom info: <https://zoom.us/j/96583057880?pwd=OExZLzJqV2xRZ09JWDIvWWdwSWRzUT09>

Meeting ID: 965 8305 7880

Passcode: 612937

Call-in information: 647-374-4685 and entering the meeting ID: 965 8305 7880 and passcode: 612937.

COVID-19 Vaccination

- We are continuing to urge all staff to get vaccinated. As of today, our overall staff vaccine rate is now 42%, with 20% of our staff being fully vaccinated, with another 22% awaiting their second dose. Congratulations and sincere thanks to all who have come forward and gotten vaccinated – you are leading the way in keeping our residents and your colleagues safe!
- The St. Joseph’s and St. Michael’s COVID-19 vaccination clinics are available for booking first dose appointments. To book an appointment, please contact [Mitzi Yu](#) at 416-536-7122 ext. 252.
- Our resident vaccination rate overall is 84%, with 78% fully vaccinated and another 6% awaiting their second dose.
- Our Essential Caregiver vaccination rate is 49% overall, with 31% fully vaccinated and another 18% awaiting their second dose.

Vaccine questions

- What is the difference between the Health Canada approved COVID-19 vaccines and how do they work? Watch [this explainer](#) from CBC News with a respirologist from Unity Health Toronto.
- Where did COVID-19 originate from? Read [this article](#). In the end, this virus is here and it is less relevant how it originally spread, and much more relevant to focus on how to eradicate it. Vaccination, along with other public health and workplace measures, is the only way out.

Updates and reminders

Physician updates

- We wanted to share that Dr. Daniel Wong and Dr. Jenny Clement will both be leaving Copernicus at the end of April.
- Dr. Wong is moving back to British Columbia, and Dr. Clement is focusing on her family practice and is working in the COVID-19 assessment centre and vaccine clinics.
- We are so grateful to Dr. Wong and Dr. Clement for their contributions to the home and wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors.
- The families on the units Dr. Wong and Clement work are being notified and we will notify all families on Friday in our communication with them.
- We are pleased to share that Dr. Anna Ly will be joining Copernicus on a locum basis for a minimum of three months.
- Dr. Ly will be taking over 4S starting May 1 and will be covering the unit for 3-6 months. She has LTC and rehab hospital experience from the Houses of Providence, Unity Health's long-term care home. She is also a family physician. She will do her rounds on Wednesday afternoons.
- We are actively recruiting for a second replacement for Dr. Clement; if we do not secure a candidate for the role by May 1, Dr. Yasemin Ikizler will be taking over the unit.

Please enter through the Long-Term Care Entrance

- As a reminder, **all staff**, including Community and Support Services staff are required to enter the home via the long term care entrance.
- This is required to ensure all staff are being tested at the required frequency and that this is tracked for required reporting to the Ministry of Long Term Care.
- The main entrance off Roncesvalles is strictly reserved for tenants of the apartment and their visitors only. Any staff that enter through the front door will be redirected outside to the entrance off Marion Street.

Earth Day Event on April 22

- In recognition of Earth Day on April 22, we will be hosting a virtual event at 12:45pm (for 15 minutes) and will plant a tree in one of Copernicus' courtyards. There will be remarks from Tracey Comeau, CEO, as well as our local Councillor, Gord Perks, who will be joining the event virtually.
- We welcome you all to join in via Zoom.
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