
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 21, 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

Outbreak on 3S and Heightened Awareness on 3N Declared over

- The outbreak on 3S and the heightened awareness on 3N were both declared over on Saturday, April 17.
- Congratulations to the teams for your attention to infection control measures to ensure this outbreak stopped at two cases.

New positive staff result

- We had one unvaccinated staff on the weekend with a positive result on the rapid test. The staff was given a PCR test and sent home to self-isolate. Unfortunately, the PCR test came back positive today.
- This staff member is from 2S. We are currently conducting contact tracing to identify any high risk contacts. You will be notified directly if you have been identified as a high risk contact.
- This positive case was first identified via our rapid testing program. This is exactly why this surveillance testing is in place – to identify asymptomatic/pre-symptomatic cases early and to prevent positive staff from working and possibly infecting large groups of staff and residents.

Staff Town Hall

Follow up to April 20 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](#).

Time code	Content
0:00-0:50	Welcome from CEO

0:50-5:25	Which COVID-19 vaccine is better? (spoiler, they're all good)
5:25-12:30	Copernicus Lodge Updates
12:30-16:30	Vaccine information from Dr. Ikizler
16:30-29:15	Unity Health Toronto Updates
29:15-31:40	Questions and answers
31:40-32:14	Closing remarks

Next Town Hall on Tuesday, April 27

The next Staff Town Hall will be on Tuesday, April 27 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

- Our overall staff vaccine rate is now 40%, with 20% of our staff being fully vaccinated and another 20% awaiting their second dose. Thanks to the 19 staff who came forward last week for our first on-site self-run Vaccination Clinic at Copernicus Lodge!
- 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.
- To book an appointment, please contact [Mitzi Yu](#) at 416-536-7122 ext. 252. Please note there may be a delay to book due to supply issues.

Updates and reminders

Child care

- Last week the Ontario government announced it is providing eligible health care and other frontline workers, including those that work in long-term care homes, with free emergency child care for school-aged children, starting Monday, April 19, 2021.
- If you are a parent with a school-aged child or children looking to access an emergency child care program, you can contact your [local service system manager](#) for information on availability, program locations and registration.

Parking update

- We have notified families that the two visitor parking spots near the receiving docks and the one visitor spot in the garage are employee only spots effective as of Monday, April 19.
- The signage for those three spots that stated they are available for visitors after peak hours has been updated to reflect the change to staff-only spots.

- Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention and we hope this change is helpful for staff.

Surveillance Testing Compliance

- Thank you to everyone for your support and patience as we completed our first week with the new surveillance testing protocols
- Unfortunately, we have seen a recurrence of non-compliance with the protocol, which requires a NP swab every 7 days for all staff, physicians and essential caregivers. In addition, compliance with the requirement of daily rapid testing for those not vaccinated has also been a challenge.
- As a reminder, in addition to the weekly PCR tests, staff & physicians who have been vaccinated (1 or 2 doses) require 1 rapid test weekly. Staff and physicians who have not been vaccinated will require a rapid test on every visit (please see table below for more)
- These surveillance tests are not only mandated by the Ministry of Long Term Care, but they are essential to identifying asymptomatic cases to prevent spread in the home and to your colleagues.

Staff & Physician Weekly Surveillance Testing	Vaccinated (2 weeks post 1 st dose)	NOT-VACCINATED
1 PCR NP Swab + 1 rapid test	✓	
1 PCR NP Swab + rapid tests on each visit		✓

Dishware and Congregate Dining Update

- We returned to regular dishware for all resident floors on Monday, April 19, and we hope this will be another small step back to a new normal for residents
- We have also implemented cohorted congregate dining for lunch on the 5th Floor last week.
- This week, we will implement on the 1st and 2nd floor and the week of April 26th, we will implement on 3rd and 4th floor.
- Following that, we will move to spread this out for breakfast and dinner – dates to be determined.

Earth Day Event on April 22

- A reminder that 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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