



## Family Update November 11, 2020

Dear Families,

Dr. Bonnie Henry released new Public Orders on Saturday November 7, 2020 that impose restrictions on group gatherings and other activities for two weeks. These orders are severe and similar to orders introduced last spring. The orders will create a two-week pause of community activities that may significantly disrupt the Corona Virus spread. The orders are specific to the Vancouver Coastal Health Region and Fraser Health Region, both of which contain the Fair Haven Homes of Vancouver Lodge and Burnaby Lodge.

These Orders do not change the guidelines that are in place for visitation in long-term care homes. We will continue to hold in-person visits to one designated family member in specific locations. Additionally, we continue to support “essential visitors” for those residents who are nearing the end of life.

The Medical Director of Vancouver Lodge, Dr. Sharma, and I would like to ask that families consider postponing planned visits during this limited two-week period. Both Fair Haven and family members have responsibilities to ensure the safety of our residents and staff. We ask that you reflect on your activities in the community and consider very carefully the risks that your visit may present. There have been reports of transmission of the virus through individuals who do not have any symptoms.

All visitors to long-term care homes were prohibited earlier this year, from March to July. I hope that we do not have to impose those strict restrictions in the future due to an increasing number of COVID-19 cases in the community.

Thank you again for your support.

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