

For Better Retirement Living



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Dear Augustine House Community,

We received some good news last week that a **vaccine is approved** and will become available over the next few months. This is a huge step and a game changer for us all. We have not yet heard how the roll out will happen, when staff and residents will be able to access the vaccine, and what the plan will be after this happens. We will keep you up to date when we have any information.

In the meantime we will continue to work hard to keep our community safe and well and continue to ask for your help achieving this. Numbers of cases and deaths caused by Covid-19 continue to be at high numbers. Because of this, the Ministry of Health and Fraser Health continue to limit what we all can do throughout the province. These limits are also in effect for our residents at Augustine House. This means that, **according to current Medical Health orders, residents are not permitted to go out to family's homes for Christmas.** We will ensure that all residents have the opportunity to eat a Christmas dinner in the dining room, with these meals spread over 3 days to ensure physical distancing during the meal. We have also planned smaller group activities, in keeping with the Medical Health orders. It won't be a 'normal' Christmas and we will all be missing family and friends. But with the vaccine on the way we hope to be able to celebrate together soon. And what a celebration that will be!

Also a reminder, if you are a designated social visitor and wish to visit over Christmas, please remember to **book your visit soon**. We are expecting the visiting schedule to be busy. We will also be able to facilitate virtual visits throughout this time.

In my last update we let you know that Fraser Health had advised us that pets were no longer allowed to visit. After asking for clarity and advocating for this to change, I can happily report that **pets are again able to visit**. Please let us know before you come for a visit if you are bringing a pet as there are some rules around the visit that we must ensure are in place.

I would like to thank everyone who has dropped off 'treats' for the staff. As a reminder, we cannot have **open** boxes of chocolates or other treats available for staff to share. However, we are using any treats that we cannot share as part of our daily raffle draws for staff.

I hope that you are all remaining well and safe.

Jackie Reiners
Executive Director
Augustine House.