



Important Update
COVID – 19 Outbreak
September 9, 2022

Dear VCV Residents, Families and Staff,

Our home remains in a COVID-19 outbreak. Affected Units- Casa Bratty, Casa Ciccolini and Casa Melatti. Affected residents and close contacts remain on isolation under contact/droplet precautions. Please speak to unit charge nurse if you have questions regarding your loved one's isolation, testing or test results. We will be testing residents and staff as per risk assessment and YRPH recommendations. We are continuing to work closely and collaboratively with York Region Public Health in managing this outbreak and will provide updates as they become available to us.

As of September 9, 2022, at 3:00 PM

Staff	Active Cases – 1
Residents	Active Cases – 3

Casa Ciccolini, Melatti, Bratty and residents on other units under isolation:

- Essential visitors are permitted, only (1) essential caregiver may visit at a time
- **General visitors are not permitted**

The following IPAC measures are in place:

- Increased cleaning of high-touch surfaces such as handrails and furniture in all areas
- Close monitoring of all residents for symptoms of COVID-19, including taking temperatures and completing active screening
- Active screening of all staff and visitors
- Cohorting of staff
- Physical distancing is maintained in all areas of the home
- Enhanced hand hygiene
- Enhanced surveillance testing of staff and visitors

Please remain vigilant and practice the following measures to minimize the spread of the virus:

- Stay 6 feet apart from others
- Avoid crowds
- Wear a mask



- Stay home and self-isolate if you are sick
- Clean surfaces and your hands often
- Avoid touching your face
- Pay attention to and sanitize surfaces while shopping or using a gas station
- Open windows to increase airflow and ventilation
- DO NOT come to the Home if you are experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19
- Adhere to all home's Policies, Government of Ontario and Public Health Directives
- Get vaccinated against COVID-19, schedule your booster shot

ALERT:

Health Canada approved the Moderna / Spikevax COVID-19 bivalent vaccine which offers more targeted protection against the Omicron variants. LTC homes are prioritized for the booster. York Region Public Health has booked an onsite clinic for VCV residents on September. 14, 2022. Residents will be eligible to receive booster dose after a minimum of 3 months (84 days) from the date of their last booster dose. The bivalent vaccine will only be provided to residents who have completed a primary series with at least 2 doses of Covid Vaccine. Printed copy of the consents available at the screener desk or connect with Liza Reantaso via email @vcvdoc@universalcareinc.ca.

Our ongoing commitment to you is that VCV and UniversalCare will be meeting and working with York Region Public Health to ensure we are doing all we can to keep our residents, staff and visitors safe; as information becomes available, we will continue to be transparent with our communication.

This update will be issued on Tuesdays and Fridays.

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Thank you,

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