



Important Update COVID – 19 Outbreak Declared Over January 27, 2023

Dear Residents, Families and Staff,
We received a notice from York Region Public Health that the COVID-19 outbreak at our home has been declared over as of January 27, 2023.

We would like to express our gratitude and appreciation for the support of our residents, families and the local community as we worked to control the spread of COVID-19 in our home. Your kind words and trust in us has been a source of inspiration. We are grateful for dedicated group of Staff and Physicians who worked diligently in providing exceptional care and services to our residents.

A special thank you to Dr. Lorne Sidenberg who went above and beyond in ongoing efforts of the safety of our residents, staff, and visitors.

We are grateful for the guidance and support that we received from York Region Public Health, Ministry of Long-Term Care, Mackenzie Health Hospital and Ministry of Labour; we have all benefited from collaborative approach in bringing this outbreak to an end.

We can assure you that now that the outbreak is over, we are not letting our guard down. We will maintain our vigilance and strict IPAC practices promoting safety of our residents, families, staff and visitors. We will continue to be on the forefront in implementing new guidelines, directives and best practices. We can't thank you enough for your kindness, patience and support and looking forward to resuming our pre-outbreak life and activities at Villa Colombo Vaughan.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of the importance of the vaccination against COVID-19 as an effective way to prevent the spread of COVID-19, hospitalizations, and negative outcomes from COVID-19. National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) is reinforcing existing recommendations for COVID-19 vaccines including suggested timing of doses following a previous SARS-CoV-2 infection. We attached latest NACI document dated January 20, 2023 for your reference. Please reach out to IPAC Lead of the home if you have any questions or would like to have arrangements made for COVID-19 vaccination, including bivalent boosters.

Sincerely,
Liza Reantaso
Administrative Director of Care