



June 7, 2023

Dear Family and Friends,

I am writing to provide you with two important updates. This first update is regarding the recent forest fires and the impact they have had on the air quality in our region. As you may be aware, the ongoing fires have caused a decline in air quality, which has prompted us to take immediate action to protect the well-being of our residents, staff and visitors. I want to assure you that we have already implemented several precautionary measures to minimize the potential health risks associated with poor air quality. These measures include:

1. For the management of indoor air quality, we have high-efficiency air filters and air purifiers working in the home to help remove pollutants and improve the overall air quality indoors.
2. All windows are being kept closed and are being monitored to prevent the entry of external pollutants.
3. Temporarily suspended outdoor programs and activities especially during peak pollution hours, when air quality is at its worst.
4. Signage at garden doors has been put in place to remind residents, staff and visitors to remain indoors.
5. Initiated heightened monitoring of residents identified at high risk of respiratory distress or illness.
6. Started preparation and planning for the procurement of disrupted essential services in the event a Code Grey is initiated and air exclusion is implemented.

While we have taken these precautions, we recognize that the situation may change, and the air quality could deteriorate further due to the unpredictable nature of forest fires and weather conditions. Rest assured that we are closely monitoring the situation, and we have established protocols for additional precautions if the air quality worsens. In the event that the air quality deteriorates, we are prepared to take the additional steps required to ensure the safety and well-being of our residents, staff and visitors. We will continue to closely monitor the situation and air quality closely and implement necessary precautions as required and as directed by government and public health authorities. Your support and cooperation during this time is greatly appreciated.

The second update is in regards to the Family Town Scheduled for **June 21, 2023** at 5:00 pm. I would like to inform you that this particular town hall session will be slightly longer than usual, approximately one hour. We have a special guest, Dr. Murji from Scarborough Health Network - Vax Facts who will be providing some valuable information regarding vaccinations. We believe that Dr. Murji's presentation will provide valuable knowledge and insight for our participants. Please send your questions to info@villacolombo.on.ca by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday June 20th, 2023. To access the Family Town Hall, please [click here](#) (Passcode: 529923) or dial +1 438 809 7799. The webinar ID is: 852 2836 1126.

Thank you. Take care and stay safe.

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