Suspension of Non-Essential Visits
October 13\textsuperscript{th}, 2020

Due to the rising number of COVID-19 infections in the community, Dr. Alexander Summers, Associate Medical Officer of Health for the Middlesex London Health Unit, has strongly recommended that non-essential visits to long term care Homes should stop.

Following consultation with both the Family and Resident Councils, Dearness Home is following the advice of Dr. Summers. \textbf{Accordingly, all visits in the Home’s outside and inside visit areas are temporarily suspended as of today.} This is in addition to the ongoing temporary suspension of short stay absences.

Virtual and window visit options will remain available. To schedule these, please contact Dee via phone at 519-661-0400 x 8273 or email ddecock@london.ca. Also, access to the Home will continue for those designated and trained as Essential Caregivers.

Dearness Home management will continually review these temporary restrictions. Prior to them being lifted in future, advice from the London Middlesex Health Unit will be considered and consultation will occur with both the Resident and Family Councils.

Thank you again for your understanding. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me (lhancock@london.ca) or Cheryl Gilmour (cgilmour@london.ca)

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