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MEMO

To: Dearness Home Family and Friends
From: Leslie Hancock
Date: April 1st, 2021
Re: Rapid Testing Begins for Essential Caregivers

We are pleased to confirm that, beginning April 6th, Essential Caregivers will be rapid tested at Dearness Home.

Once the Essential Caregiver has passed the guard at the entrance they will be directed to the COVID-19 screening desk, located to the left side of the lobby area. At the desk, the screener will determine if a rapid test is necessary before the visit proceeds.

If a test is needed, a registration form will be filled and testing will take place in the Worship Centre. A qualified nurse will swab the Essential Caregiver, then tell them they may proceed with their visit. As always, the Essential Caregiver will wear the appropriate PPE during the visit with the resident.

Rapid test results appear after 15 minutes. If the test is positive, Dearness Staff will discretely notify the Essential Caregiver the rapid test indicates they might have COVID-19 and they should immediately end their visit. Before they leave Dearness Home, the Essential Caregiver will be provided with the next steps to follow to ensure their safety and the safety of others.

Please be aware that should any Home Area go into outbreak, rapid testing will be paused until the outbreak is declared over by public health. During that time, Essential Caregivers wishing to enter the Home will be required to show proof of a negative, PCR type, COVID-19 test result within the preceding 7 days. You may wish to continue keeping your PCR test up to date to ensure you do not encounter a disruption in your visiting.