MEMO

To: Dearness Home Residents and Families
From: Leslie Hancock
Date: February 3rd, 2022
Re: Outbreak Updates and Easing of Government Restrictions

Outbreak Updates
We are pleased that our Oakdale Home-area is now out of outbreak measures. I hope you will join me in congratulating our hard-working staff, who successfully minimized the transmission of infection despite the unique challenges in this Home-area.

Our 3 East Home-area is now in official outbreak. The precautions that are already in place will continue in order to prevent the spread of infection. As always, should a resident become infected the substitute decision maker will be personally notified.

Easing of Government Restrictions
If encouraging data continues, the government will be gradually easing the temporary enhanced measures that reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission and serious illness in long-term care homes.

The first steps, as of February 7th are:

- Increasing the maximum number of designated Essential Caregivers (ECs) per resident from 2 to 4 (unless more ECs were designated before December 15th), but the limit of only 2 ECs in the Home at any given time continues

- Resuming social day absences for residents who have had at least three COVID-19 vaccine doses, on the understanding that residents must limit contact with others by avoiding large social gatherings, following masking and physical distancing as much as possible, and only being in close contact with people who have had three COVID-19 vaccine doses.

Once more, we thank you for your assistance and cooperation as we all work to keep everyone safe.