

## **PLEASE READ... October 26, 2021, BETHANY MANOR UPDATE ON OUTBREAK**

You are receiving this communication because you are a resident of Bethany, or you have provided, and/or a Bethany resident(s) has provided your email address as they have identified you as their family/friend contact person.

Thanks very much for the participation that we received for the October 21, 2021 testing event. The Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) has informed us that the October 21 mobile/onsite testing of approximately 200 staff and residents resulted in 1 additional positive case. This individual is isolating as directed by SHA. This brings us to 14 cases over a month long period (approximately September 23 – October 21). SHA is satisfied that no additional mass testing event needs to take place given that only one additional case has surfaced.

SHA has informed us that our outbreak status will be lifted on November 19, 2021, *if no other cases are discovered*. The November 19 date is determined by SHA from the completion of two full incubation periods ( $14 \times 2 = 28$  days) from the October 21 positive test result.

SHA continues to recommend that we keep common areas closed to best protect our community from COVID. We ask that residents continue to honour social distancing in all engagements with others. We are permitting the woodworking shop, quilting room, library, 5<sup>th</sup> floor exercise room, and the business resource centre to be used, one resident at a time, due to the specialized equipment or materials they contain. We ask that only vaccinated residents utilize these activity rooms. We ask that residents using these spaces sanitize them when they are finished. Sanitizing supplies and signage will be in place.

Please note:

- Any Bethany Manor service providers that work directly with residents, including those in Bethany Place Lower Level and any other service providers such as cleaners or mobile service providers who enter suites, must be fully vaccinated and provide proof of such to Bethany Management.
- Once our outbreak status is lifted and until the pandemic is declared over, only fully vaccinated Bethany Manor residents may use activity rooms and attend gathering events in Bethany Manor facilities. This will include Fellowship Centre events and worship gatherings.

Bethany Villa Personal Care visiting restrictions/requirements remain per Ministry of Health specifications.

We continue to ask that you exercise caution in your connections and in the honouring of COVID safety protocols.

The public health order for mask wearing in indoor public spaces remains in effect for all individuals:

- Please wear masks properly covering both your mouth and nose
- Please don't pull your mask down when you're speaking to someone
- Please wash reusable masks regularly and discard/replace disposable masks when they get wet/soiled.

If you have any COVID symptoms, please call 811 and stay out of public circulation. Bethany's case number with SHA is SKHR-2021-834. If any Bethany residents are getting tested offsite independently, please indicate this case number so that efforts can be coordinated.

Thanks again for your cooperation.  
Bethany Management