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Dear Families,

Earlier today, I received communication from Althea Hayden, VCH Medical Health Officer (MHO), instructing all long-term care homes to enhance visitor restrictions at our sites. As of today, access to the care home is denied to all visitors with the limited exception of immediate family in compassionate, end-of-life situations. This means that outside companions are no longer able to enter St. Jude's.

The MHO is also limiting transfer between facilities to minimize the risk of spreading COVID-19, except in emergent situations.

Another change to practice is that as of now, all Healthcare workers are required to work in only one facility again, to minimize the risk of transferring the virus to other care homes.

Truly these are hard times for our Residents and for you as their loved ones. We understand the difficulty that comes from being separated and encourage you to check in as per the most recent letter I sent out on March 19. Please rest assured that our staff are working hard to care for all aspects of our Residents' health, not just the physical, but the social, mental and spiritual aspects too.

I will share that one resident's family held a drumming circle on our front lawn this afternoon, offering spiritual blessings to the St. Jude's community. Thank you to that family and for all of you who have offered your support during this time.

Sincerely,

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