



February 2, 2021

Attention staff, residents, families and friends of Goderich Place:

We would like to inform everyone that effective immediately we will be administering bi-weekly mandatory Panbio Rapid Antigen Surveillance Testing here at Goderich Place for all staff, essential visitors and care providers.

The Panbio Rapid Antigen testing is less invasive than the bi-weekly testing currently taking place at the Assessment Centre, which is no longer required. All testing will now be completed on-site at Goderich Place.

The bi-weekly tests will be administered from 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays with the first clinic beginning tomorrow. To be tested please enter Goderich Place through the front parking lot LEP exit door. Those scheduled to be tested tomorrow will be informed via email later today. Please note that moving forward essential care givers and outside care providers will need to be tested prior to entering Goderich Place.

Once your swab is complete you will not be expected to wait for your results. Only those individuals who test positive will be contacted, at which point further direction about self-isolation will be provided and Public Health will be informed. Anyone who does test positive will be required to get a PCR swab done at the Assessment Centre. Staff who are not already scheduled to work when their test is scheduled will be compensated for 1 hour of pay, per pay period.

Rapid antigen screening produces results within 20 minutes allowing us to better protect the Goderich Place community and ensure the virus stays out. It is used for screening purposes only, not for diagnosing acute COVID-19 infections. It should be considered an additional screening tool and does not replace Public Health measures such as symptom screening, physical distancing, masking and hand hygiene which should continue to be practiced diligently.

Should you have any questions or would like more information about the tests please contact Annette or Barb directly.

Sincerely,

Jason Mercier, Director of Operations, Retirement Life Communities Group of Companies, and  
Annette Gerdes, Assistant General Manager, Goderich Place Retirement Residence