



October 4, 2023

Dear Residents and Families,

We hope this message finds you all in good health. I also hope that everyone is enjoying the lovely fall weather we have been having.

As we approach the flu season, we would like to inform you about our upcoming Annual Influenza Vaccine Clinic, scheduled for October 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM. Ensuring the well-being of our residents is our top priority, and getting vaccinated is an essential step in preventing the spread of the flu.

The residents will receive the dose of Flu Zone, it is a higher dose for people over 65 years of age.

The Maitland Valley Medical Team will be helping us run this clinic by administering these doses. We ask that in preparation for the clinic, a manager will be coming to each resident to obtain signed consent. If a resident can not sign for themselves or consent, we kindly request that their Power of Attorney provide consent on their behalf by contacting the nurses station of Shannon director of care ([docgplace@hurontel.on.ca](mailto:docgplace@hurontel.on.ca)). We will be going room to room, and we ask that after lunch on Friday, residents wait patiently in suits with a short-sleeved shirt.

If a resident has already received their flu shot this year, we kindly request that you notify our nursing staff prior to the clinic date. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Additionally, we are actively working with public health authorities to schedule our COVID-19 booster clinic this month. Public health has informed us that they will be supplying the Spikevax (Moderna) vaccine (XBB 1.5 for our residents. While the exact date is still pending, we will provide you with more information as soon as it becomes available.

If a resident has received a COVID-19 booster recently, we kindly request that you notify our nursing staff. Your health and safety are of utmost importance to us, and we want to ensure that all necessary precautions are taken.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding as we continue to prioritize the health and well-being of our residents. If you have any questions or concerns regarding either the influenza or COVID-19 vaccine clinics, please do not hesitate to reach out to our nursing staff or Shannon, our Director of Care (DOC).

Dear Visitors

We greatly appreciate your ongoing support and understanding as we continue to prioritize the health and safety of our residents, especially during the cold and flu season. In our efforts to maintain a safe environment for everyone, we kindly request your cooperation with the following measures:

1. **Hand sanitization:** Please use the hand sanitizer provided at the front entrance upon arrival. This simple act can help prevent the spread of germs and protect our vulnerable residents

2. **Stay Home if Unwell:** If you or someone in your household is feeling unwell or displaying symptoms of illness, we kindly ask that you refrain from visiting our facility at this time. This precaution is essential to safeguard the well-being of our residents and staff.
3. **Mask usage:** while not currently required, we recommend wearing a mask during your visit to further reduce the risk of transmission. The use of masks is a personal choice, and we respect your decision in this matter.

We understand that these measures may seem cautious, but they are intended to keep everyone safe and healthy.

For the latest updates and information about our facility, we encourage you to check our website and Facebook page regularly. These platforms will keep you informed about any changes in our activities and guidelines.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We are here to address any inquiries you may have and ensure that your visits are as safe and enjoyable as possible.

Thank You for your cooperation and dedication to keeping our residents safe. Your support is invaluable to us, and together, we can navigate this season with care and compassion.

Warm Regards,  
Goderich Place Management