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Dear families and friends,

We recognize that COVID-19 is creating a sense of uneasiness amongst our communities. In the past few days, many nationally and internationally serving organizations have taken precautionary steps to limit the spread of any communicable infections. This has included cancelling large gatherings and travel to more-infected countries.

As an organization who works with people in everything we do, we believe it is our role and responsibility to prioritize the wellbeing of the people we support, our staff, and the families, friends, and community members involved in the services we provide.

Through that lens, we will be making decisions about additional steps we may need to take as an organization, guided by our mission and latest science-based information.

Right now, Community Living Guelph Wellington has a thorough Communicable/Infection Disease procedure that is followed by all of our staff. It requires our organization to be in consistent contact with Wellington Dufferin Guelph Public Health, monitoring risk while also informing of any confirmed cases of a communicable disease.

We also routinely check-in with staff around hand hygiene, and taking precaution when coming into contact with droplet transmission – including wearing Personal Protective Equipment as necessary.

Should the reported risk of infection become greater, with guidance from Public Health, we will be taking additional steps to protect the welfare of our community. This may include increased social distancing, cancelling of events, self-quarantine for staff who have been travelling, limiting points of contact between different locations within our organization and more.

As a friend of Community Living Guelph Wellington, we wanted to thank you for supporting us through this time. We are able to provide the services we do because of your support.

We will continue to keep you informed of any new developments, and you can read the latest at: clgw.ca/covid19

Regards,



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