

Family update #105

June 11, 2021

Dear family and friends,

It is heartening to see the decrease of new COVID cases in Alberta in the last couple of weeks and the possibility it brings of the province gradually re-opening, especially with the beautiful Alberta summer around the corner. We are very grateful that our centres have remained free of COVID since early April. A sincere thanks to all residents, family members, and staff for diligently following all public health protocols and receiving the vaccination. 98% of Wing Kei residents and 97% of our care staff have been immunized. We strongly believe that taking the vaccine will protect every one of us.

Phased Approach for Safe Visitation

The Family Town Hall was held on June 2, 2021, and we once again experienced immense support from family members. We discussed how we are progressing with the phased approach for safe visitation. Family members also shared their appreciation for the care their beloved family receive at Wing Kei. This is so encouraging and heartwarming for us; and we have shared your sentiments with the whole team.

We are pleased to let you know that phase one of the safe visitation plan, which was to increase the number of designated family/support persons from two to four people, has been fully implemented. We are now ready to implement phase 2 which is outdoor visits (in the garden or in a designated area) and taking your loved one out for a stroll in the neighborhood. Please note the following guidelines for outdoor visits:

Garden or designated areas	Walks
Thirty (30) minutes long Four people maximum Must be pre-scheduled Sanitize hands before and after Keep masks on if less than 2m apart Window visit if inclement weather No food and no pets Cancel the previous day before noon by email to chfamilyvisit@wingkei.org or gfamilyvisit@wingkei.org Last minute cancellation due to emergency please call the unit AND email chfamilyvisit@wingkei.org or gfamilyvisit@wingkei.org	Thirty (30) minutes or one hour long Must be pre-scheduled Sanitize hands before and after Keep masks on if less than 2m apart Notify coordinator and complete log book Designated visitor must be present Cancel the previous day before noon by email to chfamilyvisit@wingkei.org or gfamilyvisit@wingkei.org Last minute cancellation due to emergency please call the unit AND email chfamilyvisit@wingkei.org or gfamilyvisit@wingkei.org

Once we have successfully implemented phase 2, including addressing any challenges, we will begin with phase 3 which is to facilitate safe indoor visitation. Thank you for your support as we do our best to ensure the safety and wellbeing of residents, staff, and yourselves.

Father's Day Celebration

To honor the grandfathers, dads, and uncles who live at Wing Kei, we are inviting families to send in a video (maximum 10 minutes) about your loved one's lifetime achievements, words of appreciation, and photos/videos of cherished memories. Please note that we ask for one video per resident. Crescent Heights families can email their video to chfamilyvisit@wingkei.org and Greenview families can email it to gvfamilyvisit@wingkei.org. The deadline to receive videos is Wednesday, June 16, 2021.

Seniors' Week and Celebrations

As mentioned in our last family update, Seniors' Week is June 7 to 13 and we plan to celebrate throughout the month! Apart from fun activities and special treats for residents, families are invited to send in a short write-up (150 words maximum) and pictures about any special lifetime achievement, talents, etc. of your loved one to the Recreation teams to share during the celebrations at the end of June. Crescent Heights families can email it to recreation@wingkei.org and Greenview families can email it to recreationgv@wingkei.org. Please include your loved one's name and their room number. The deadline is Wednesday, June 23, 2021.

The Walk for Wing Kei resident celebration will be held at the end of June. We plan to showcase the talents and achievements of residents through videos and photos.

Virtual Walkathon Celebration Ceremony

Our heartfelt thanks to all family members and friends who have been supporting and participating in the 21st Walk for Wing Kei. We are very pleased that, as of today, thanks to the generous donations of walkers and the community, we have raised over \$175,000 of our \$200,000 target! The celebration ceremony will be held on Saturday, June 26, 2021 at 10 am. Please join the virtual event and celebrate with us together. All you have to do is log in to our website www.wingkei.org at that time.

Please continue to take very good care

With the number of new COVID cases decreasing recently and with more people getting vaccinated, we are all definitely experiencing a sense of hope! Please do keep in mind that the number continues to fluctuate. Let us continue to follow all public health protocols to stay safe and healthy.

Thank you for keeping Wing Kei in your prayer.

Praise the Lord.

Praise the Lord, my soul.

I will praise the Lord all my life;

I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

~ Psalm 146:1-2

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