

Family update #65

January 5, 2021

Dear family and friends,

Outbreak Update

We are very pleased to let you know that we have been cleared of outbreak status at Wing Kei Greenview Long Term Care. We are currently placing all of our efforts in completing the follow-up to the outbreak and to maintain a safe environment for residents and staff. Our current status as follows:

	Crescent Heights (145 residents)	Greenview Long Term Care (80 residents)	Greenview Supportive Living (95 residents)
Number of new cases as of January 4, 2021	Residents—0 Staff—0	Residents—0 Staff—0	Residents—0 Staff—0
Cumulative total since December 18, 2020	Residents—0 Staff—2	Residents—0 Staff—1	Residents—0 Staff—0
January 4, 2021	-----	Outbreak cleared	-----

Resident Immunization

We are grateful that Alberta Health Services will begin immunizing residents at Greenview on January 12 and at Crescent Heights on January 13. Guardians will be required to complete consent forms for those residents who are not their primary decision-maker. Residents who are their own decision-maker will be asked to complete the consent form on their own.

At this time, Canada has approved two vaccines, Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna. Both these vaccines are messenger RNA (mRNA) vaccines meaning they contain the genetic instructions to make a protein that is found on the surface of the virus that causes COVID-1. The vaccine uses the cells in our body to make the protein and triggers our immune system to create antibodies against it. This way, if the real virus enters our body, the antibodies will help fight the infection. These two vaccines do not contain the virus and so cannot give residents COVID-19. Both of the vaccines have been tested to be safe and effective.

People who have received the vaccine in other countries report experiencing mild symptoms, similar to the experience of receiving the annual influenza immunization, such as pain at the site of injection, body chills, headache, tiredness, and feeling feverish; these side effects usually resolve within a few days.

Residents who have a fever at the time of immunization or who have been vaccinated for another illness within the two weeks previous will not be able to receive the COVID-19 vaccine next week; their vaccination will be postponed for several days.

Thank you for keeping Wing Kei in your prayers.

Sing a new song to the Lord!

Let the whole earth sing to the Lord!

Sing to the Lord; praise his name.

Each day proclaim the good news that he saves.

Publish his glorious deeds among the nations.

WING KEI

Tell everyone about the amazing things he does.
~ Psalms: 96:1-3

Kathy Tam
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