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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am writing to provide an update on the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

At Community Living Burlington, we are following advice from the Region of Halton's Health Department. According to the Health department, there have to date been no confirmed cases in the Halton Region.

We are keeping the employees of our agency up to date on this virus and we are re-emphasising the need for caution and understanding around COVID-19.

The coronavirus (COVID-19) is an infection that include fevers, cough or breathing difficulty. At this point in time, there is no treatment for this infection and no vaccine. According to the Region of Halton, most people with novel coronavirus infection will recover on their own.

Travel Health Advisory

As of February 27, 2020, seven countries have been identified to be at higher risk for COVID-19, namely China, Hong Kong, Iran, Italy, Japan, Singapore, and South Korea.

Community Living Burlington is asking all staff and families who travel to COVID-19 impacted countries need to self-monitor for symptoms for 14 days upon return. If symptoms develop, please immediately self-isolate and call Halton Region Public Health at 311, 905-825-6000 or toll free at 1-866-442-5866. To date, all employees have been working cooperatively with these regulations.

How to Prevent the Spread of Respiratory Viruses

The best way to prevent the spread of respiratory viruses including COVID-19 is to:

- Wash hands thoroughly with soap and water or alcohol-based hand sanitizer;
- Cover mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing; if no tissue is available, then sneeze or cough into the sleeve or arm;
- Clean and disinfect objects and surfaces regularly; and
- Stay home if ill until your symptoms resolve.

We will continue to send out information to our parents and guardians as things progress around this virus. The health and well-being of our employees and your family members is of utmost importance.

Judy Pryde
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