



April 12, 2021

Good day members of Community Living Burlington:

As you are aware, the Province of Ontario declared its third Provincial emergency order given the rapid increase in COVID-19 transmission. Effective April 8, 2021, a province-wide Stay at home order was implemented for everyone.

To add to this, on April 12, 2021, the Ontario government, in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health, decided to move elementary and secondary schools to remote learning following the April break.

With this province-wide stay-at-home order and subsequently their decision to move schooling to remote learning, CLB has decided to temporarily suspend family visits, **effective April 13, 2021.**

In the interest of everyone's health and safety and with the highly contagious spread of the variants, this suspension of the visits will be re-evaluated at the end of April 2021.

We hope by that time we will see positive trends in COVID-19 cases, more people vaccinated, and in turn, a safer situation for family members to visit their loved ones.

The schools moving to remote learning will, unfortunately, have an effect on our staffing ratios; which are already stretched enough.

Many of our employees will have to re-schedule their shifts or be off due to the pressures of having to manage the academics of their children after this week.

This is not an easy decision to make. I completely understand the frustration that everyone is feeling but we must err on the side of caution and ensure that every possible safety measure can be put in place to keep your loved ones and our valuable employees safe as well.

The teams will continue to work remotely with you through Face time, Zoom, and phone calls, so that constant communication with your family member will occur.

If you have any concerns or questions, please speak with the manager of your family member's program.

Be well and staff safe

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Judy Pryde".

Judy Pryde
Executive Director

The Mission of Community Living Burlington is to enrich the quality of life and to promote full and meaningful inclusion in the city of Burlington of people who have a developmental disability.

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