

## GES Bulletin

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### **BC's Restart – Step 3**

It is very exciting to be entering the height of summer with the 15 month long provincial state of emergency being lifted and the province entering Step 3 of the Restart Plan. There's a growing mood of optimism and hope in reuniting with family and friends and returning to a more normal life. In moving forward, we can take with us the lessons and good practices developed over the past year to ensure the restart goes as smoothly as possible.

The easing of restrictions that we will see in Step 3 are changes occurring in the community. At this stage, there are no changes to the protocols within Long Term Care and Assisted Living. Understandably, caution is required and the safety and care of our Residents and Team members remain paramount.

The Visiting guidelines that were introduced in April remain in effect. Please continue to schedule your visits and report to reception as signing in and screening still needs to take place.

The mask requirements also remain in place. All staff at Greenwoods and Braehaven will continue to wear masks at all times. Visitors will also be required to wear masks when visiting within the residences and masks are still recommended when taking Residents on outings.

We are strongly encouraging the Residents to continue to wear masks when out in the community. Although it is wonderful for our community businesses to see the influx of tourists to the Island, it also does increase the risk of exposure to the virus and as always, physically distancing and wearing a mask are the best line of defence.

### **The Heat Wave**

It has been a time of exceptional events and the recent heat wave was exceptional. I want to express my great thanks to the Team who worked throughout those conditions to ensure the buildings were kept as cool as possible and that the Residents were safe. Neither Greenwoods nor Braehaven were constructed with such extreme conditions in mind, and we are reviewing the air handling options at each facility to see if improvements can be made. We are developing Extreme Heat Guidelines to capture lessons learned from this experience.

### **Residents, Family and Friends Zoom Meeting – 28 July – 1.00pm to 2.00pm**

Please join us for our quarterly Residents, Family and Friends Engagement Zoom meeting on Wednesday 28 July from 1.00pm to 2.00pm. The purpose of these meetings is to share information, answer questions and discuss key activities at both Braehaven and Greenwoods.

If you are interested in attending, please register by clicking on the link below. You will also be able to send in questions you would like addressed at the meeting through the registration.

Register in advance for the meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZApdOqqqz0pG909JB0kHiZY0Fz9pEhgXImD>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns at any time, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards

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