

Greenwoods Eldercare Society Bulletin

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Vaccinations – Second Doses

We received notification today from Island Health that they're on track to deliver the second vaccine doses on schedule which is 42 days after the first dose. The details still need to be confirmed but we are anticipating that the second dose clinics will run on Tuesday 2nd March.

A few family members received extra doses at the 19th January clinic. If you received your first dose on the 19th at either Greenwoods or Braehaven, please be prepared to return for your second dose on 2nd March.

If you received your first dose at a community clinic either on island or in Victoria or Nanaimo, you will be receiving a call directly from the Island Health Vaccination call centre. Please ensure that you have space on your phone or answering machine for a voice message to be left.

Visiting Protocols

It has been wonderful to welcome essential and social visitors back to Greenwoods and Braehaven. Many thanks to Erica and the Resident Ambassador team for the amazing work in scheduling and facilitating the visits. Thanks also to the visitors for their patience and understanding in the need for the screening and for complying with the infection prevention practices, including the PPE masks and gowns for Greenwoods visits. Erica made an observation the other day that several of the Greenwoods residents associate the yellow gowns with visitors and she notices the many smiles directed to her and the visitors when walking through the care area.

The essential visitor program is well established and we are looking forward to welcoming more social visitors as well. Under the current protocols, there can still be only one designated social visitor.

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Management Team Changes

This past year certainly has been a period of change. Following Jacquie James' retirement from the role of Support Services Manager, we undertook a restructuring of the management team. The restructuring also reflects some reallocations of functions to our finance team and the suspension of our Community Bathing and Adult Day Program due to the COVID restrictions.

Brandy Borley has left Greenwoods and I want to express our thanks and gratitude for the contributions she made over the years to the community programs, Braehaven and in her role as HR manager.

I also want to express much appreciation to Lisa Kirkpatrick who has been covering the HR administrative functions through this transition period. Lisa will be returning to her receptionist/administrative assistant role and will be working at both Greenwoods and Braehaven. Lisa looks forward to getting to know the Braehaven Residents and their families and friends.

Barb Williams (Director of Care for Greenwoods) and myself are looking forward to welcoming Trish Staicesku and Tracey Shaver to the management team. Many of you will be familiar with Trish as she has been working as Braehaven Receptionist since last August. Trish will be moving into the position of Operations Manager and will be overseeing Braehaven and our Support Services team.

Tracey is new to the GES team and will be taking on a new position of Human Resources and Office Coordinator.

Both Tracey and Trish have been part of the Salt Spring community for many years and have strong backgrounds in business and administration. Trish will be transitioning into her new role over the next couple of weeks and Tracey will be starting in March.



Looking Ahead

Despite the recent snowfall there is a sense of moving forward, looking ahead, and the promise of Spring. We had some special visitors last week when two bottle-fed lambs were dropped off by a local farmer to visit with the Greenwoods and Braehaven Residents for a couple of hours. There were lots of smiles, laughter and reminiscing of days past. Two of the agency nurses, who are with us from Toronto, were enchanted by this touch of rural life.



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

Kind regards
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