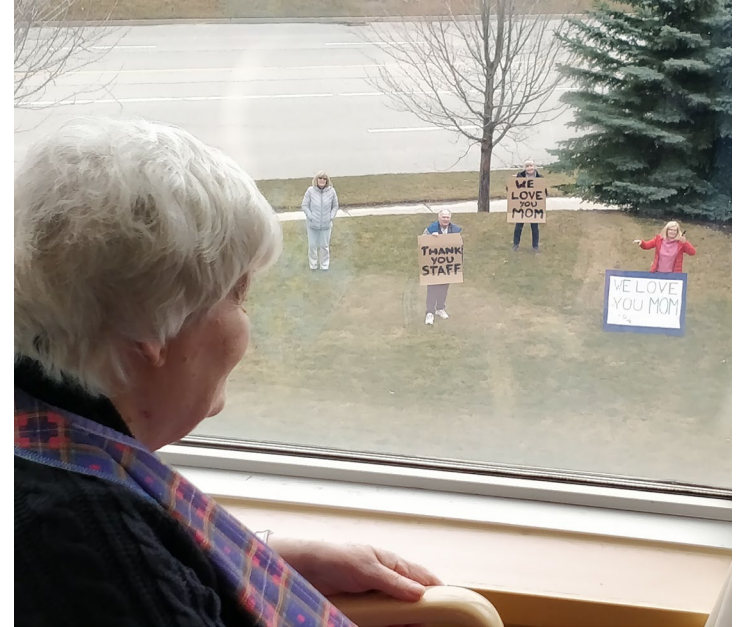


Long Term Care COVID-19 Response

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Long Term Care Homes in the Region of Peel

- As of April 19 in the Region of Peel:
 - 12 LTCHs in COVID-19 Outbreak
 - 9 COVID-19 related deaths in LTCHs
- Regional Planning Table overseeing COVID-19 testing in LTCHs, Retirement Homes, and other congregate settings across Peel
- Peel Public Health coordination in LTCHs
 - Procure and distribute testing kits
 - Supply testing team with procedural instructions and lab requisitions
 - Provide contact tracing in the LTCHs
 - Provide direction on COVID-19 outbreak management

Region of Peel Long Term Care Homes: Current State

- Transforming Adult Day Services to Supportive Care Units
- Physical distancing
- 4 out of 5 Regional LTCHs are in COVID-19 outbreak
- Staff sustainability planning

Early Provincial Measures

- Standard respiratory specimens also tested for COVID-19
- 24/7 active screening for all people entering the centres
- Restricting visitors
- LTC staff who travelled outside of Canada were required to self-isolate for 14 days

New Provincial Regulations

- 8 regulatory amendments to the *Long-Term Care Homes Act, 2007*
- 28 required precautions and procedures as per Directives
- New measures to the Provincial COVID-19 Action Plan for Protecting LTCHs
- Emergency Order to for LTC staff to work in one centre

Funding

- \$25 million Provincial investment in March, providing each LTC homes with \$37,500
- \$243 million Provincial investment in surge capacity for the LTC sector
 - \$114 million is for prevention and containment
 - \$25 million distributed in April providing each LTCH with \$37,500
 - \$89 million is yet to be distributed
 - \$129 million for the LTC sector is to be to build capacity and ease pressures on hospitals

Staying Connected

- People working in our centres
 - Biweekly staff memos
 - Unit huddles
 - Emails
 - Mass call outs
 - COVID-19 information boards
 - Weekly townhalls
- Updates to families
 - Phone calls
 - Emails
 - Mass call outs
 - “I love you” report cards
 - Virtual visits
 - Virtual townhalls



Caring for Our Staff

- PPE available
- Meals during shifts
- Child care
- Accommodations
- Leadership presence and support



LTC Superheroes!



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