



Weekly Community Update

Week of June 5, 2020

Dear friends and neighbours of Haliburton County,

Today, I wanted to share with you some of the activities that have been happening at our Long-Term Care homes, Highland Wood and Hyland Crest. We know that this has been a very difficult time for residents and their families, and that our community here in Haliburton County cares deeply about the safety and well-being of residents, so we thought you might like to hear a bit about what they are up to.

LTC Surveillance Testing

The Ministry of Long-Term Care has now issued a direction that all Long-Term Care staff should be tested for COVID-19 twice during the month of June. We plan to begin this testing on June 9th and 10th, and as we did previously, we will inform families, residents, and staff of any results first, and then we will share that information with the public.

Outdoor Distanced Visits

With the nicer weather here, I'm pleased to share that Highland Wood and Hyland Crest residents have been able to get outside and enjoy some time in the gazebo areas of both homes. While the provincial government continues to restrict visitors, we have put up a secondary fence to allow for outdoor visits to take place, so long as they follow the Ministry of Health & Long-Term Care and Public Health Unit directives of being physically distanced by at least 6 feet. Families are being encouraged to schedule a time for an outdoor visit with staff, and we expect there will be many visits happening soon.

Other LTC Activities

With Father's Day on the horizon, one of our talented artistic staff will be creating caricatures of the residents, which will then be framed and gifted to them for Father's Day. Staff look forward to sharing these with families of residents when they are able.

The homes have also been raising painted lady butterflies, which are now in the process of hatching. There will be a memorial release performed by staff in recognition of residents who have passed away this year, once the butterflies are ready.

Finally, the gardens at both Hyland Crest and Highland Wood are looking beautiful. Staff have helped to plant plenty of vegetables for residents to nurture over the summer months and then enjoy eating at harvest time.

Take care,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Carolyn Plummer'.

Carolyn Plummer
President & CEO