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Dear Broadview Village Families, Friends and Advocates for the people we support,

I hope this note finds you all feeling well and keeping safe during these difficult times. I want to update you on some important information related to our ongoing response to COVID-19.

The outbreak at Coach House has been resolved and the residents and staff are slowly returning to their day-to-day routines while grieving their house mate and resident John Trayanoff. A virtual Celebration of Life was held on January 11, 2021 honouring John's life and aiding in the process of grieving for all.

Current status update:

- 1. **Residents** Number of positive cases since March 2019 is 7 with one death, and 6 resolved cases.
- 2. **Staff** To date, we have 15 staff who have tested positive all of which have been resolved and 1 inconclusive.

Vaccines – As mentioned in my previous letter the first vaccines have begun rolling-out for use in Ontario. I am continuing to actively seek clarification on when the vaccines will be available for us and advocating for us to be "sooner-rather-than-later". In the meantime, we have begun to prepare for residents and staff to receive the vaccines, by providing educational materials, starting to obtain consent, etc., this will allow us to quickly "ramp up" the vaccinations once we are given the green light.

Isolation Gowns – Broadview Village has revised our PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) requirements. Effective immediately, staff must wear FULL PPE (medical procedure mask, face shield, isolation gown, gloves) when they are providing direct care to Residents such as help with toileting, dressing, showering or physically needing to touch a Resident to ensure safety.

Thanks to all of you for your continued support!! Please feel free to reach out to myself should you have any commentary, questions or concerns at 416-425-1052 ext. 201 or at <u>Arthur.Mathews@salvationarmy.ca</u>

Please take care and continue to be safe.

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