

February 4, 2022

Dear residents and families,

Thank you for your ongoing support, understanding and patience as we continue to work through the outbreak of COVID-19 at Louis Brier Home and Hospital and Weinberg Residence.

I understand that many family members are anxious to visit with their loved ones, and I am writing to provide clarification about visitation beyond essential visits at Louis Brier and Weinberg, in light of a recent provincial announcement. Earlier this week, Provincial Health Officer Dr. Bonnie Henry stated that in addition to essential visits, a single designated visitor per resident would be allowed in long term care facilities.

Meanwhile, additional steps to protect health may be taken at the direction of the Medical Health Officer, and individual facilities share their direct assessments on the safety and feasibility of visits. Evaluating the particular situation at Louis Brier and Weinberg, I have agreed with the facility that only essential visits will be permitted until further notice. This restriction will not continue after the current outbreak is declared over.

For further information on COVID-19, please visit the Vancouver Coastal Health information page <http://www.vch.ca/covid-19> or call HealthLink BC by dialing 8-1-1.

For families with outstanding questions, requiring emotional support or needing assistance navigating the healthcare system, please contact the PHC/VCH LTC Family Support Line at 1-844-824-2219 or 604-875-4953. Please note that the PHC/VCH LTC Family Support Line cannot provide specific resident status reports. For information regarding the status of a resident at Louis Brier or Weinberg, please email info@louisbrier.com or call 604 261 9376 and ask to speak to the CNL or nurse in charge.

Thank you again for your understanding and your flexibility as we navigate this outbreak together.

Sincerely,

Dr. Michael Schwandt

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