Coronavirus: COVID-19
Current Update – March 19, 2020

As of March 19, 2020, Canada has a total of 727 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Ontario itself has 257 cases with Toronto having 104 cases. **At this time, all staff and residents of North Yorkers continue to remain symptom free.** If this changes, we will notify all stakeholders as soon as possible.

At North Yorkers, we continue to monitor the situation very closely and are ensuring that all health and safety measures possible are taken. Deep cleaning of the home is happening on an increased basis to keep all common areas and surfaces disinfected. We also continue to utilize hand sanitizers and antibacterial wipes on an ongoing basis during each shift. As there are some services we still require at North Yorkers such as medication delivery, we have taken extra steps to ensure that there is no cross-contamination between the delivery person and the home.

Our facilitators at North Yorkers are in constant communication with the families of our residents. Family members are encouraged to check our website daily for updates. Currently, we are sending photo updates, assisting residents to make phone calls, and offering the option of connecting via video chat if desired.

Our Communication Enrichment Class facilitator will be trialling the use of Skype on Monday so that our members can continue to participate in class from the comfort of their own home. Each class member will be contacted by the facilitator directly with instructions.

Please refer back to previous memos as lots of important information has been provided that may still be relevant such as the Community Update section which changes on a daily basis.

If you think you may be experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, take the self-assessment at www.ontario.ca/coronvirus. Follow all directions from your medical provider or your local health unit at the following phone numbers:

Toronto Public Health: 416-338-7600
Peel Public Health: 905-799-7700
Durham Region Health Department: 905-668-7711
York Region Public Health: 1-877-464-9675

Daily updates will continue to be posted to keep you informed of the ever changing information we are receiving from the Ontario and Federal Government. Any feedback is appreciated.

If you have any questions or require more information on how you can protect yourself and those around you from the COVID-19 virus, please contact our Outreach Communication Facilitator Jessica, at 416-222-4448 or Jessica.nydp@gmail.com

Community Updates

- A TTC Mechanic, who **DOES NOT work frontline** has tested positive for COVID-19. 130-170 Employees who work at the same shop are at home in self-isolation.
- Wuhan reports no new cases of Coronavirus offering hope to the world.
- Canada- U.S. Border closure to non-essential travel is likely to take effect as of Friday night.
- Food banks and non-profit organizations are asking for a helping hand as COVID-19 cuts into regular operations.