

ORDER OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
Made pursuant to Section 29.2 of the Health Protection
and Promotion Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. H.7

October 9, 2020

To: Corporation of the County of Simcoe
Address: 1110 Highway 26 Midhurst, ON L9X 1N6
ATTN: Jane Sinclair, General Manager, Health & Emergency Services
O/A: Simcoe Manor Home for the Aged
Address: 5988 8th Line, Main Street East, Beeton, ON L0G 1A0

AND

To: Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre
Address: 201 Georgian Drive, Barrie, ON L4M 6M2
ATTN: Janice Skot, President and Chief Executive Officer

I, Dr. Charles Gardner, Medical Officer of Health for the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, order you to take the following actions, effective October 9, 2020:

Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre

1. Attend at Simcoe Manor, 5988 8th Line, Beeton, ON (the "Institution") for the purpose of monitoring, investigating and responding to an outbreak of COVID-19 at the institution.
2. Ensure monitoring, investigating and responding to the outbreak of COVID-19 at the Institution is completed in consultation with the Medical Officer of Health and the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit.

Simcoe Manor

1. Immediately permit entry to the premises known as Simcoe Manor, 5988 8th Line, Beeton, ON (the "Institution") by staff of, or persons designated by, Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre for the purposes of monitoring, investigating and responding to an outbreak of COVID-19. The Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre and its designates shall be provided with access to any and all individual residents of the Institution and resident records, including the ability to document in such records.
2. Immediately develop and implement measures for the purposes of ensuring effective infection prevention and control of SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) in the Institution with the professional input and guidance from staff of, or persons designated by, the Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre and the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit. Further, ensure the inclusion of infection prevention and control best practices.
3. Purchase any recommended equipment, supplies, services or associated tools required to monitor or respond to the outbreak of COVID-19 as deemed necessary by the Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre or the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit.
4. Immediately ensure that the Institution, administrator, superintendent and all staff of the Institution follow the leadership and direction of the Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre, and its designates and staff, and the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, in all matters pertaining to infection prevention and control, the prevention of transmission of communicable diseases within the Institution, the treatment of residents for communicable diseases in the Institution, and all other measures deemed necessary by the Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre and its designates and staff, and the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit.

Unit, in order to decrease or eliminate the risks to health associated with the outbreak in the Institution.

5. Ensure that the release of information to any person or entity shall comply with the Health Protection and Promotion Act, 1990, and the Personal Health Information Protection Act, 2004 and shall conform to any direction provided by the Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre and/or the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit.

These measures are to remain in effect until you are advised otherwise, in writing, by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit.

The REASONS for this ORDER are that:

1. COVID-19 is a disease of public health significance and has been designated as communicable under Ontario Regulation 135/18 as amended. COVID-19 has been declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization. The Province of Ontario has enacted emergency orders under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act as a result of the pandemic.
2. COVID-19 is present in the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit and therefore poses a risk to the health of the residents of Simcoe Muskoka through community transmission. The COVID-19 virus is spread from an infected person to an uninfected person by direct contact or from a close encounter where respiratory secretions from the infected person are transmitted to the uninfected person.
3. Institutional settings may facilitate the spread of COVID-19 and other communicable diseases where enhanced infection prevention and control measures and guidelines are not implemented and strictly complied with.
4. Residents of the Institution are on average older than the general population, and are more vulnerable to COVID-19.
5. The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit has received documentation that the Institution:
 - a. Has multiple residents diagnosed with COVID-19;
 - b. Has multiple staff diagnosed with COVID-19; and
 - c. Has an active outbreak of COVID-19 with continued transmission.
6. On October 6, 2020, an infection prevention and control assessment of the Institution was conducted by staff of the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit in collaboration/consultation with the Infection Control Professional for Stevenson Memorial Hospital. The assessment, a copy of which has been provided to the Institution, outlined multiple critical concerns for infection prevention and control and outbreak management which now form part of the reasons for this Order.
7. The number of cases of COVID-19 infections and COVID-19 related deaths continues to rise at the Institution.

As a result, I am of the opinion, based on reasonable and probable grounds:

- a. An outbreak of a communicable disease exists or may exist at the Institution;
- b. The communicable disease presents a risk to the health of persons in the Institution; and
- c. The measures specified in this order are necessary in order to decrease or eliminate the risks to health associated with the outbreak of the communicable disease.

NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE THAT you are entitled to a Hearing by the Health Services Appeal and Review Board if you deliver to me at the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit and to the Health Services Appeal and Review Board, Health Boards Secretariat,

151 Bloor Street West, 9th Floor, Toronto, Ontario, M5S 1S4*, notice in writing requesting a hearing within 15 days after service of this Order.

*At the time of this Order, all requests for appeals and reviews, submissions, materials, and inquiries must be sent to the Health Services Appeal and Review Board by e-mail to hsarb@ontario.ca or faxed to 416-327-8524. See <http://www.hsarb.on.ca/> for current information.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT although a hearing may be requested, this Order takes effect when it is served upon you.

FAILURE TO COMPLY with this Order is an offence for which you may be liable on conviction, to a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 for every day or part of each day on which the offence occurs or continues.

ORIGINAL Signed By:

Charles Gardner, MD, CCFP, MHSc, FRCPC
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