

March 29, 2021

Dear Administrators, Corporations and Owner/Operators:

Re: Health Protection and Promotion Act, R.S.O.1990, Section 22 Class order to Long-Term Care Homes as defined in section 2(1) of the *Long-Term Care Homes Act, 2007, S.O. 2007, c. 8.*

A Class Section 22 Order, under the *Health Protection and Promotion Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.H.7.*, was initially issued to long-term care homes in Simcoe County and the District of Muskoka on November 3, 2020 and then revised on February 15, 2021. The section 22 Order issued to the above-noted premises is hereby rescinded on the basis that the provincial direction now aligns with Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit direction regarding COVID-19 prevention and control measures in long-term care settings.

Thank you for your on-going efforts to protect the staff and vulnerable residents within your long-term care homes. At this time, you are required to continue to comply with Directive #3 issued by the Chief Medical Officer of Health for Ontario. The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit continues to advocate for decreased public health restrictions where appropriate now that COVID-19 immunization rates in residents are providing additional protection within the long-term care homes. We understand that the Directive #3 is being revised and the new Directive #3 should be released within the next few weeks.

Sincerely,

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