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Hi All:

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You may have heard that there are now at least 3 retirement homes this side of the Fraser River that have either resident or staff cases of COVID-19. They are Evergreen in White Rock, The Harrison at Elim Village in Surrey (Not Harrison Pointe NOR Harrison Landing – no relation) and Langley Gardens in Walnut Grove.

We remain safe both at Harrison Landing and Harrison Pointe with no suspect cases.

We have asked the residents today to reduce their circle of exposure by restricting their walks and scooter rides to around the building. The virus is in the community and the farther one gets from Harrison Pointe, the more likely they are to meet someone and begin a conversation and social distancing goes out the window.

We have been doing exercise classes in groups of 12, music, Jeopardy and have restarted the Planet Earth series. It is difficult to do too many activities because we have to keep distancing and group numbers low.

Many of you may have heard Dr. Bonnie Henry state several days ago that Ministry of Health care aides are restricted to one care home so that the virus doesn't spread from the care aides. This is **NOT** the case in the Fraser Health Authority (and probably isn't the case in any health region). Care aides continue to go between several different facilities per day. When we asked the head nurse about this, she told us that they are trying to come up with a plan but haven't. Fortunately, their success rate of actually showing up and delivering their services isn't stellar, so the risk is lowered. We should be able to take over all the care that they provide by this Monday and refuse FHA access to Harrison Pointe. We have done this at Harrison Landing but our population is twice the size and it is a greater task to achieve at Harrison Pointe. Please note that although your loved ones will receive the care that they were receiving from FHA, we cannot guarantee the same times that they had. Please be patient as we work through this. Keeping these travelling care aides out of this building is paramount to the safety of these residents!

Thank you for providing your loved ones with the supplies they need and being so kind and supportive to our staff. We are doing everything that we can think of to keep your loved ones safe and meet several times per day to review our plan of action and update when we think it is required.

Stay safe!

Glenn Bell

