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Controlling the Spread of Infection COVID-19 Prevention Measures at Baycrest

In light of global developments pertaining to the spread of COVID-19, Baycrest is working closely with our system partners locally, provincially and nationally to strengthen our joint efforts at controlling the spread of this virus. The safety and well-being of everyone at Baycrest is our priority and our leadership team has implemented organization-wide changes to reduce the risk of transmission. This includes:

- Baycrest is providing leadership among several subgroups of the enhanced response structure created by the provincial Health Minister, including the Toronto Region COVID-19 Hospital Operations Table.
- Establishing a special cross-departmental Task Group to coordinate organization-wide preparedness activities in response to this public health situation.
- Applying social distancing protocols in all public areas. This includes modifying programs and cancelling large group gatherings and large group events, including concerts, volunteer orientation, synagogue services and recreation programs.
- In an effort to prevent the spread of COVID-19 to our residents and employees, Baycrest is starting Active Screening for COVID-19. We ask for your patience and understanding throughout the screening process.
- The Active Screening process is based on our established infection control plans to prevent respiratory illness outbreaks like COVID-19, which is consistent with the recent Ministry of Long-Term Care directive.
- Only “essential visitors” of patients and residents are permitted to enter Baycrest until further notice, as outlined by Ontario’s Chief Medical Officer. Visitors who have been identified as “essential” will be contacted by Baycrest staff and must pass a COVID-19 active screening questionnaire upon arrival.

- The task force is working to anticipate and create structures to apply to possible scenarios as COVID 19 spread continues.

Everyone is also reminded to be vigilant about preventing the transmission of infections through:

- Wash your hands well and often. Hand sanitizer is available at every entrance and throughout the campus.



- If sanitizer is not available, use soap and water.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Cover your mouth and nose when sneezing. Use a tissue when you cough or sneeze and throw the tissue out. Cough into your upper sleeve if you don’t have a tissue.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Stay home when you are sick or experiencing flu-like symptoms. If you have any of the following symptoms, please refrain from visiting Baycrest: fever, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, runny nose, vomiting or diarrhea.

Tables in our Silverman Garden Court, W.A. Café and The Nosh have been carefully spaced apart to support social distancing, which is part of our COVID-19 prevention strategy. Please do not move them in any way. Thank you..

As always, residents, patients and their families can contact a member of the care team or the manager on your unit if you have any questions. Thank you for keeping Baycrest safe from infectious disease.

New Electronic Medical Record Launched at The Terraces



On Monday March 2, a leading electronic medical record software called PointClickCare (PCC) was launched in The Terraces of Baycrest retirement residence.

Key enhancements enabled through PointClickCare include an electronic medication administration record (eMAR), provincial electronic health record access (eConnect) which gives access to lab results, x-ray results and consultation notes done at other hospitals, automated resident assessments, nursing order entry, care planning and customer relations management.

ArtontheBrain



A new app is now available to Canadian residents. Now through March 31, ArtontheBrain is available as a free trial to the general public. ArtontheBrain is online recreation activity designed

for older adults, including those with cognitive decline. Powered by Baycrest, this scientifically validated web-based

application is easy to use in a group format, with a partner, or individually, and can be accessed and enjoyed at any time – all that is needed is the Internet and a device. Research suggests that engaging in productive and enjoyable leisure activities can have many positive health benefits for older adults. New users can visit www.artonthebrain.org to learn about the product and sign-in to create a new user account and can also contact the ArtontheBrain team at email artonthebrain@baycrest.org

Intergenerational Programs at Baycrest



On March 5, more than 80 Grade 6 students from both campuses of Bialik Hebrew Day School came to the Apotex and the Terraces as part of a new inter-generational program called "the Writing Connection." As part of their curriculum, students are focusing on Jewish identity and traditions and are also having their first real foray into Holocaust education.

Students are also studying the process of writing, and in concert with both general and Jewish studies, are learning

how to plan and execute an interview and transfer this into a biographical piece. Students spent an hour with residents learning about and listening empathically to their life stories. The connections were immediate. Students will be returning in April with their published biographical pieces to gift to each resident.

Also over the past few months, Grade 4 students from Bialik Hebrew Day school have been working toward the creation of new mosaic art that has been installed in the Apotex dining rooms. Each mosaic represents a traditional Jewish symbol and is displayed with prominence in the Apotex 2 South dining room for resident enjoyment during meal times. Thank you to Bialik Hebrew Day School students for these beautiful works of art.

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