

Friday, January 6, 2022

Dear Residents and Families,

We remain committed to providing updates to our residents, families, and staff at AgeCare. We provide weekly updates to keep you all informed on what is happening in our communities and organization-wide.

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Welcome!



AgeCare welcomes
foreign nurses!

AgeCare welcomes seven more newcomers at YVR. The nurses, who have never been to Canada, started their five-plus hour journey to Salmon Arm with a stop at Tim Hortons.



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AgeCare Welcomes Foreign Nurses

On December 16, AgeCare proudly welcomed seven more foreign trained nurses to interior BC, offering them a two-year employment contract and assistance with finding accommodations.

Five of the seven newcomers are originally from Philippines, and the other two are from Mexico. All seven – Angeles, Rosa, Noreen, Regine, Adelaida, Ana, and Marlon – are brand new to Canada.

“This is the second of several cohorts of foreign trained workers we hope to attract and retain as valued members of our AgeCare team,” said Todd Bassett, VP of Human Resources. “We are happy to hire from both within and outside of Canada, and when it comes to positions that are more difficult to fill, we work with an agency to expand our talent pool and draw from qualified people all over the world.”



With dense fog making the drive from Vancouver airport to Salmon Arm a bit tricky, Todd softened the experience by treating the new arrivals to a stop at Tim Hortons. They then received a warm welcome from staff and some previous foreign workers at Mount Ida Mews, followed by a welcome reception at a residence in Salmon Arm.

After an orientation, introductions, and an overview of their path to becoming recognized as RN/LPNs in Canada and BC, four of the nurses will be shuttled to AgeCare Monashee Mews in Lumby, two will relocate to AgeCare Cariboo Place in Williams Lake, and one will settle in at AgeCare Mount Ida Mews.

Ring in the New Year

Our AgeCare sites had variety of activities to help our residents ring in the New Year – let’s take a look!

At AgeCare South Terrace they rang in the New Year with a toast. They coloured new years hats, drank non-alcoholic bubbly, shared New Years’ resolutions and sang Auld Lang Syne!





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AgeCare Glenwarren rang in the New year with a lively party and countdown to 2023! The residents enjoyed goodies, decorations, hats and delicious bubbly cider too!



AgeCare residents rang in the New Year with entertainment by The Checkmate Band and freshly popped popcorn!



Help Prevent the Spread

At AgeCare we understand that it is our responsibility to do all we can to protect ourselves, and the vulnerable people who count on us daily to keep them as safe and well as possible. Vaccines for respiratory illnesses are one of the simplest and most effective ways we can do this.

Thank you to those who recognize the importance of getting vaccinated and have gone out of your way to ensure you have received all the vaccines you are eligible for. Together we will do our part in taking care of ourselves and our communities.



Other ways to help **prevent the spread of respiratory illnesses**, including COVID-19 and Influenza are:

- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve when you cough or sneeze.
- Wash hands often with soap and water thoroughly for at least 20 seconds.
- Avoid touching your face, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Stay home if you are feeling unwell.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.



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Let's all do everything in our power to keep ourselves and our most vulnerable loved ones safe and well!

New this year, individuals can book their Influenza and COVID-19 vaccines through the provincial [Get Vaccinated](#) system. Eligible people can get an influenza vaccine and a COVID-19 booster at the same time.

If you have not yet registered, please visit getvaccinated.gov.bc.ca or call 1-833-838-2323.

**Additionally, for the first time, all seniors older than 65 can get a free enhanced influenza vaccine this year. Enhanced influenza vaccines (FLUZONE® High-Dose Quadrivalent / FLUAD® adjuvanted) give seniors better protection against influenza than standard-dose vaccines. Enhanced influenza vaccines stimulate stronger immune responses, compensating for the natural weakening of the immune system that occurs with age.*

Visitor Guidelines

While many restrictions have been lifted outside of our community, we wish to reiterate the need for safe, responsible practices in our centres, including continuous masking and hand hygiene. **Remember! Help us limit potential exposure to COVID by staying away if you are unwell.**



Coming for a visit? Please familiarize yourself with these guidelines.

[Download the Visitor Guide \(PDF\) -->](#)

Recreation Calendars



Our recreation team works hard to create engaging activities that enrich the mind, body and spirit. We are continuously looking for ways to reduce the risk of transmission while having the least impact on residents' well-being. At this time, visitors are not permitted to attend indoor recreation programming, including concerts. We appreciate your understanding.

Please note that communities with an exposure or outbreak may have different recreation restrictions. Contact your community or [sign up for email updates](#) to stay informed on the latest information.

For our AgeCare communities from Revera, your Activity Pro Family Portal is still available for you to access. You can log in with your usual username and password at online.activitypro.net/users/login/agecare.

If you are a current resident family member and don't yet have a username and password to access your loved one's **Activity Pro** page, please [contact](#) the community directly and ask to speak to the recreation team. They walk you through the steps needed to access the family portal.

View the Recreation Calendars for your AgeCare Community:

- [Arbutus Care Centre](#)
- [AgeCare Cariboo Place](#)
- [AgeCare Holyrood](#)
- AgeCare Malaspina
- [AgeCare Royal City](#)

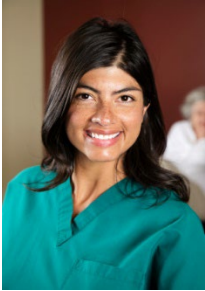
- [AgeCare Brandt's Creek Mews](#)
- [AgeCare Glenwarren](#)
- [AgeCare James Bay](#)
- [AgeCare Monashee Mews](#)
- [AgeCare Sandringham](#)

- [AgeCare Carlton](#)
- [AgeCare Harmony Court](#)
- [AgeCare Lakeview](#)
- [AgeCare Mount Ida Mews](#)



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New Opportunities



Did you know AgeCare is hiring?

Great opportunities for caring people. From health care aides to food services to recreation to administration and more, we are looking for dedicated and caring individuals.

If you or someone you know is looking for an exciting new opportunity, check out our job postings for.



INTERIOR BC JOBS

- Kelowna
- Lumby
- Salmon Arm
- Williams Lake

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WEST COAST BC JOBS

- Burnaby
- Maple Ridge
- New Westminister
- Victoria
- Vancouver

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