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Dear Residents and Families,

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

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# Welcome!

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## AgeCare Welcomes Foreign Nurses

On July 6, AgeCare proudly welcomed seven foreign trained registered nurses to interior BC, offering them a two-year employment contract, assistance with finding reasonable accommodations, and throwing them a great big AgeCare 'welcome to the family' reception by Mount Ida Mews.

"This is the first 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 Canada and outside of Canada, and when it comes to positions that are more difficult to fill, we are pleased to work with an agency to expand our pool and draw from qualified people all over the map."

Six of the recent newcomer's country of origin is the Philippines, and one is from India. Most endured a gruelling day of 25 hours or more of travel, beginning in Saudi Arabia where they were previously working. It then took another three hours for them to file through customs at Vancouver airport and have their working permits stamped.

"They will begin at AgeCare as Health Care Aides and as soon as possible we will help them qualify to meet Canadian standards as LPNs or Registered Nurses," said Todd. "They are very much invested in being here, and our hope is that our relationship will be an excellent fit and we will have many committed foreign employees with us, well beyond the initial two-year term."



AgeCare welcomed the nurses at the Vancouver Airport, and then transported them in our Harmony Court bus to Salmon Arm, where they will begin their new life.

"Our wonderful Mount Ida Mews community honoured them with a welcome reception and a Filipino feast – a great beginning for what we hope is a lasting and fulfilling experience for all," said Todd.



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## Let's all get Boosted!

Vaccine effectiveness against infection may decline over time, but they remain the best way to prevent severe illness and death. Additional doses can boost immunity to improve protection and limit spread.

For staff or anyone looking to book a COVID-19 vaccine or booster, you can visit [getvaccinated.gov.bc.ca](https://getvaccinated.gov.bc.ca) or call 1-833-838-2323.



## 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 on outbreak may have different recreation restrictions in effect. Contact your community or [sign up for email updates](#) to stay informed on the latest information.

### View the Recreation Calendars for your AgeCare Community:

<a href="#">Brandt's Creek Mews</a>	<a href="#">Cariboo Place</a>	<a href="#">Harmony Court</a>
<a href="#">Monashee Mews</a>	<a href="#">Mount Ida Mews</a>	

## We're Hiring

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 careers page at [www.agecare.ca/hiring](https://www.agecare.ca/hiring).



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