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As you are aware there has been a strong media focus of the Coronavirus, which is reported to have originated in Wuhan China.

Community Living York South takes the health and well-being of all people supported, staff, and community partners seriously. We are closely monitoring the situation. At this time Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health continues to reiterate that risk to Ontarians remains low and additional measures are not necessary. Our residences, offices and day programs will continue to operate as normal, but will diligently monitor updates and respond to changing circumstances.

We depend on all stakeholders (people supported, staff, family members, visitors and community partners) to use the following healthy practices advised by Ontario's Ministry of Health and the World Health Organizations:

- Wash hands well and often with soap and warm water;
- Cover your mouth and nose when you sneeze or cough, cough and sneeze into your arm or sleeve or a tissue and discard the tissue after use;
- Contact your health practitioner and stay home if you are ill.

York Region Public Health is not advising the wearing of masks as it can cause an increased risk of infection to the user. **You can read more information from Ontario's Ministry of Health on what you can do to protect yourself.**

As you are aware there is heightened sensitivity and some misinformation on social media regarding the Coronavirus. We encourage you to focus on messages coming from York Region Public Health and the Ministry of Health as trusted sources of information. We are closely monitoring the coronavirus and are fully prepared to act on advice and direction from Public Health and the Ministry.

For up to date information please visit www.york.ca/coronavirus, www.ontario.ca/coronavirus, www.canada.ca/coronavirus

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