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Update from SPRINT Senior Care regarding coronavirus

Over the past several days, Ontario health officials have announced two local cases of the coronavirus that originated in Wuhan, China. Last weekend, it was confirmed that Sunnybrook Hospital is caring for one of these patients.

During a press conference on Saturday, Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health, Dr. David Williams, assured the public that "all appropriate infection prevention and control measures were followed by both paramedics and the hospital."

Canada's Chief Public Health Officer says that despite the confirmed case, the risk to Canadians remains low. Person-to-person spread has been reported in close contact only.

SPRINT Senior Care has staff and volunteers from two departments working out of Sunnybrook Hospital. We are in touch with our partners at Sunnybrook, who have assured us that the hospital remains a safe place to visit and to work. As such, all departments are operating as usual. We will provide an update if this changes.

In all departments, we have been reminding staff and volunteers of the proper hygiene to prevent the transmission of viruses: washing hands thoroughly, covering coughs and sneezes, disinfecting surfaces, staying home if they are sick, and using appropriate personal protective equipment.

We would like to remind our clients and volunteers who are attending or visiting our programs, including the day program, that if they are ill with any gastrointestinal or cold- or flu-like symptoms such as fever, cough, and difficulty breathing, to stay at home until they are well. If symptoms begin while at our programs, we will support you to safely get home.

SPRINT Senior Care continues to monitor communications from Toronto Public Health, the Public Health Agency of Canada, and the Ontario Ministry of Health, and we will keep you informed if our programs and services become affected.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to SPRINT Senior Care's Director of Quality, Dianne Wallace, at 416-481-0669 ext. 1233.

For more information and updates about the coronavirus, visit the Ontario Ministry of Health's website: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov>

