

January 2025

Meaford Messages

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Celebrating January

Music with Jim & Mary
1st & 29th

Music with Michelle
6th & 20th

Happy Birthday Elvis!
8th

Music with Kit
10th

Music with Terry & Sandy
14th

Over the Rainbow Cafe
15th

Music with Brent Meidinger
15th

Music with James Skarnikat
16th

Snowflake Day
17th

Music with Tony
17th

Clashing Clothes Day
23rd

Peanut Butter Day
24th

Robert Burns Day
25th

Music with the Youth Group
26th

Resident Council
27th

Town Hall
28th

Chinese New Year
29th

Music with Heather & Doug
30th

Hello Residents, Families and Friends, Happy New Year!

We've just had our 3rd Holiday Season here in our home, and it has been our best celebration yet. The support from our community and families has been outstanding and we can't thank everyone enough for helping to make the festive season so special!

As the holidays have come to an end, flu season does not take a break. Please continue to utilize the hand sanitizers located throughout the home and help us to keep residents, family, friends and team members well.

Also, as a wintery reminder: the snow and rain keeps on coming and the parking lot may be icy at times, please walk carefully! Thank you for a phenomenal 2024, we look forward to 2025 and all the exciting things it has in store for us!

Stay Well,
Bethany Rupp
Executive Director

From the Desk of Noelle Blum:

New at Meaford - a Palliative Care Champion Team! Our goal is to strengthen the Palliative Approach to long-term care and make your and your loved one's transition as peaceful as can be. Keep your eyes open for new opportunities to live and learn with your Meaford family through Advanced Care Planning, Admission Support, an 'Over The Rainbow Cafe' and quarterly memorials.

CARING FOR OUR RESIDENTS WITH SUSPECTED AND/OR CONFIRMED URINARY TRACT INFECTIONS (UTI)

PEOPLECARE IS WORKING ALONGSIDE PUBLIC HEALTH ONTARIO BEST PRACTICE GUIDELINES TO ENSURE WE ARE MONITORING, PREVENTING AND TREATING URINARY TRACT INFECTIONS SAFELY AND SECURELY WITHIN THE HOME.

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS THAT STAFF WILL CONTINUOUSLY MONITOR FOR WHEN IT COMES TO URINARY TRACT INFECTIONS ARE:

1. ACUTE DYSURIA (PAIN WHEN VOIDING) OR TWO OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING
2. FEVER
3. NEW FLANK PAIN (LOWER BACK PAIN), PAIN OR TENDERNESS AT THE OR SUPRAPUBIC (JUST BELOW THE NAVEL)
4. NEW OR INCREASED URINARY FREQUENCY (URGENCY)
5. GROSS HEMATURIA (HEAVY BLOOD IN THE URINE)

PUBLIC HEALTH ONTARIO'S BEST PRACTICE GUIDELINES FOR URINARY TRACT INFECTIONS INCLUDE:

1. OBTAINING URINE CULTURES ONLY WHEN RESIDENTS HAVE BEEN DETERMINED TO HAVE INDICATED CLINICAL SIGNS OR SYMPTOMS OF A UTI.
2. PRESCRIBING ANTIBIOTICS ONLY WHEN THE URINE CULTURE AND SUSCEPTIBILITY RESULTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED AND SPECIFIED CRITERIA HAVE BEEN MET.

OUR GOAL IS TO ENSURE THAT FAMILIES FEEL CONFIDENT THAT RESIDENTS WILL BE ACTIVELY MONITORED WHEN THERE IS A SUSPECTED UTI, ANTIBIOTICS WILL BE PRESCRIBED ONLY WHEN DEEMED NECESSARY BY THE DOCTOR OR NURSE PRACTITIONER AND RESIDENTS WILL BE MONITORED THROUGHOUT TREATMENT COURSE BY THE MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM ON SITE.

FAST FACTS:

1. CHANGES IN THE MENTAL STATES ARE NOT A CLINICAL SIGN OF UTI.
2. FINDING BACTERIA IN THE URINE IS COMMON (ESPECIALLY IN THE ELDERLY) AND DOES NOT ALWAYS CAUSE PROBLEMS OR NEED TREATMENT WITH ANTIBIOTICS.
3. BACTERIA PRESENT IN THE URINE WITHOUT SYMPTOMS IS CALLED ASYMPTOMATIC BACTERIURIA WHICH DOES NOT CAUSE HARM TO THE INDIVIDUAL PLEASE REFER TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH ONTARIO DOCUMENT RE: UTI PROGRAM **Urinary Tract Infection (UTI) Program**

When to obtain urine cultures in medically stable non-catheterized resident

Happy January Birthdays

Bunni - 1st Al D. - 2nd Rhea - 4th
Hertha - 6th Grace - 23rd Linda W. - 24th
Don W. - 24th Betty - 29th
John - Jan 29th Margaret - 30th

Welcome

Audrey May
Grace Ann

Infection Prevention and Control: Meaford Long Term Care/December 2024

Hand Hygiene Stats November 2024 Total Opportunities:
35 Overall Opportunity Compliance: 100.0% **Overall**

Indication Compliance: 100.0% Number of Observation
Sessions: 33

Upcoming Events COVID-19, Flu and RSV vaccine will be administered to eligible residents.

Vaccine Stats Below stats as of December 17, 2024 Staff Flu Vaccine Rates: 67% Resident Flu Vaccine Rates: 88% Resident COVID Vaccine Rates: 75% Resident RSV Vaccine Rates: 58%

Outbreak Summary: Outbreak Overview (2233-2024-00123) – THT: October 21, 2024-November 5, 2024 (15 days total). Causative Agent: COVID-19. Total Resident Cases: 13 (0 hospitalizations, 0 deaths r/t causative agent). Total Staff Cases (between both outbreaks/whole home): 16. Outbreak Overview (2233-2024-00125) – OV: October 22, 2024-November 1, 2024 (10 days total). Causative Agent: COVID-19. Total Resident Cases: 8 (0 hospitalizations, 0 deaths r/t causative agent). Total Staff Cases (between both outbreaks/whole home): 16.

Ministry/Public Health Updates: None.



In Memory Of

Don
Leo
Fern
Andrea

Our deepest thoughts and sympathies go out to the family and friends

"He spoke well who said that graves are the footprints of angels."