

Pioneer Manor
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To: All Pioneer Manor residents, families, substitute decision-makers and staff

Vision and Falls

The Canadian Association of Optometrists recommends annual eye examinations for individuals 65 years of age or older. An eye examination is the best tool for early detection of vision problems, as well as several systemic conditions. When it comes to fall prevention, the detection and treatment of visual impairments plays an important role. The decline in visual function impairs walking and balance. Vision provides important sensory input for the control of postural stability, and it helps provide information from the feet and legs regarding the position of the body in relation to gravity and movement. Without adequate detection of the visual field, seeing and avoiding obstacles and hazards can also be diminished. Recent studies on the effect of cataracts, for example, reported a significant reduction in falls following corrective surgery. If you, or your loved one, have not seen an optometrist recently, you may want to arrange an appointment. You can do so by contacting Dr. Dunlop, the home's Optometrist, by booking an appointment via the ward clerk office between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday or by calling his office at 705-969-5030 and booking an appointment, or you can contact another Optometrist if you wish.

Scent-free Environment

Many of our residents, families, visitors and staff are sensitive to scents. Wearing scented products like perfume, cologne, soaps and lotions can trigger allergic reactions, including respiratory distress and headaches. Please be mindful of this when visiting the Home. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in helping us maintain a scent-free environment for everyone.

We remain committed to keeping residents and families informed. Regular updates are also available at www.greatersudbury.ca/pioneermanor. As always, please do not hesitate to contact us, should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nicole Leclair'.

Nicole Leclair
Director, Long-Term Care Services

c.c.: Councillor René Lapierre, Chair, Community and Emergency Services Committee
Tyler Campbell, General Manager, Community Well-Being
Dr. Maurice St. Martin, Medical Director
Dianna Foster, Family Council
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