

**MANITOBA LIFE LEASE OCCUPANTS ASSOCIATION**  
**OPEN LETTER TO OUR MEMBERS**



April 4, 2020

Spring is here and we are being told to stay in our homes. Do not make any unnecessary trips outside. What a bummer! Unfortunately, these are necessary restrictions during this uncomfortable pandemic. In keeping with the advice of experts, all MLLOA Round Table Discussions and the Spring Luncheon have been cancelled until further notice.

I have been in touch with several of our member facilities and most of them are taking additional precautions. Here are a few examples:

- Cancelling all meetings and gatherings until further notice. This includes small groups in exercise rooms, workshops, activity rooms.
- Restricting access for outsiders, except for essential persons such as home care staff, emergency maintenance persons.
- Encouraging family members from visiting in person during this crisis, unless necessary. Some tenants have set up internet visiting with family and friends, using apps such as Zoom, What's app, Skype and others, in spite of the stereotype that seniors don't use the internet.
- Several buildings have established volunteer teams to spray disinfectant on door knobs, door handles, elevator buttons, railings, stairwells, mail boxes and main lobbies.

I would be interested in what others are doing to stay safe. Let us know unique actions that have been taken in your building.

Our health and political experts/leaders are telling us what to do to reduce our exposure to Covid-19 and to reduce the possibility that we may bring it to others. The best way to stay safe is:

**LISTEN TO WHAT THEY ARE SAYING**  
**STAY HOME, WASH HANDS, PRACTICE PHYSICAL DISTANCING**

***IF COVID-19 DOESN'T FIND YOU, IT DIES, WE LIVE.***

**Dave Kennedy, President,**