

Message from Mayor Rob Keffer:
COVID-19 update – April 15, 2020

Today I offer my condolences to the family and friends of another resident of Bradford Valley Care Community who has passed away due to COVID-19, and offer prayers for those who are newly infected or still battling illness. To date, there have been three deaths in BWG due to COVID-19, all at Bradford Valley. Another 20 residents of the facility have tested positive, and all other residents – even those without symptoms – are being tested now.

The Health Unit is now encouraging anyone who has even one symptom of COVID-19 to get tested, since the capacity for testing has increased and the criteria have been loosened. Click this link to find out about self-assessment and nearby assessment centres: <https://bit.ly/3eniTbz>

Many people in our community who were struggling to meet basic needs such as food and shelter before this pandemic may now be finding themselves in crisis.

I have shared this information before but I am now asking you to help me share it more widely with anyone who might be in need:

- For urgent support including shelter, access to shower facilities or emergency funds for basic necessities, call CONTACT South Simcoe at 905-778-9058 ext. 110. (see attached poster)
- The Bradford Helping Hand Food Bank continues to offer support via pre-packed food hampers that can be picked up twice a month. They are open Mondays and Wednesdays from 1-2pm and Fridays from 6:30-7:30pm, or call 905-775-2824.
- For ANY needs, including grocery delivery, mental or physical health support and more, simply dial 211 on your phone to speak to a live assistant who can talk to you about what you require and connect you with the right resources.

The Food Bank now accepts electronic transfers, so if you wish to help you can send donations to treasurer.helpinghandfoodbank@gmail.com or you can mail a cheque to Helping Hand Food Bank Inc., PO Box 1268, Bradford, ON, L3Z 2B5.

If you are struggling in any way, please know that there are people willing and able to help, and don't be afraid to reach out.

Best,
Rob Keffer