



July 7, 2021

To: Resident families

From: Elaine Calvert, Vice President

Re: Stage 2 of Reopening

Beginning Wednesday, July 7, 2021, as part of the province's Stage Two of reopening the following changes will take place at St. Joseph's Long-Term Care Home:

- Residents can now have up to two Essential Caregivers and two General Visitors present during an indoor visit.
- Residents can now have up to 10 people participate in an outdoor visit.
- Residents may have additional designated Essential Caregivers. Please contact one of the team members listed below if you wish to become an Essential Caregiver.
- Outdoor visits no longer need to be scheduled in advanced. All visitors, indoor and outdoor must continue to be screened

To continue to protect residents, visitors and staff against transmission, the following COVID-19 rules apply:

Indoors and Outdoors

All visitors, Essential Caregivers and General Visitors alike, regardless of immunization status, are required to screen in and wear a mask.

Indoors

All General Visitors are required to complete a Rapid Antigen test following screening and remain in the screening area for 15 minutes to receive a negative test result prior to visiting a resident area.

When in a resident area, General Visitors who are not fully immunized must observe physical distancing of two metres. Brief hugs are permitted. Essential caregivers who are not fully immunized are required to observe physical distancing of two metres, except when providing direct care. When providing direct care eye protection is required. Brief hugs are permitted.

Please refer to the snapshot table attached to your email for a summary on visitation as it applies to immunized and unimmunized individuals.

Family inquiries should be directed to:

Week of July 5:

Chansey Tobicoe, Assistant Director of Care
519-751-7096, Ext 2522

or

Steve Linsmen, Recreation Therapist
Ext. 3215

Week of July 12:

Katrina Marques, IPAC Campus Manager
Ext 3217

or

Shelley Murray, Support Care Coordinator
Ext. 3315

Long-Term Care Visitor, Absences & Social Gatherings Snapshot Effective July 7th

All residents may now have up to 2 Essential Caregivers and 2 General Visitors present during an indoor visit and up to 10 individuals present during an outdoor visit.				
REQUIREMENTS	FULLY IMMUNIZED	PARTIAL / UNIMMUNIZED	OUTBREAK/ RESIDENT IN ISOL	
ALL VISITORS IN ALL SITUATIONS <i>*Masks required at all times</i>	ESSENTIAL – CAREGIVER <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participate in Rapid Antigen Testing for indoor visits 	May be indoors (maximum of 2 per visit) or outdoors (max 10 including general visitors) May have physical contact, including for non-care related reasons with fully immunized resident. No eye protection required indoors or outdoors Unable to enter dining room	May be indoors (maximum of 2 per visit) or outdoors (max 10 including general visitors) Physical distancing 2m required when not providing direct care, however brief hugs are permitted Eye protection required when physical distancing is not maintained Unable to enter dining room/ join activity	May support in resident’s room /isolation room (1 per resident) If resident unaffected by outbreak, may support outside of resident’s room
	At this time we have not instituted Rapid Antigen Testing for General Visitors who are visiting outdoors. We are relying on visitors to continue to wear their masks throughout the visit. If it is determined that people are removing their masks when outside, Rapid Antigen Testing will become necessary for General Visitors who are visiting outdoors, requiring them to remain inside for 15 minutes to await a negative test result before proceeding outside.			
	NON-ESSENTIAL GENERAL VISITOR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participate in Rapid Antigen Testing for indoor visits with negative screen confirmed prior to going to resident areas (indoors) 	Outdoor visits (max 10 including essential caregivers) No eye protection required. Indoor visits (max 2) Close contact with fully immunized resident allowed No eye protection required	Outdoor visits (max 10 including caregivers) Indoor visits (max 2) Physical distancing of 2 metres required, however brief hugs are permitted	
Please note that outdoor visits no longer need to be scheduled, however, all visitors are required to screen in. Eye protection is not required outdoors. Masks are required indoors and outdoors for all.				
ABSENCES <i>*Medical mask required, follow IPAC, active screening on return</i> <i>*Overnight absences require Testing and Isolation requirements as set out in Admissions section of Directive 3</i>	MEDICAL	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted
	COMPASSIONATE /PALLIATIVE	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted
	SHORT TERM - ESSENTIAL	Permitted	Permitted	Not permitted
	SHORT TERM – SOCIAL (24 hrs)	Permitted	Not permitted	Not permitted
	TEMPORARY (2+days/ overnight)	Permitted Prior approval from home required; request does not have to be in writing	Not permitted	Not permitted
		IMMUNIZATION THRESHOLD MET	BELOW IMMUNIZATION THRESHOLD	
SOCIAL GATHERINGS <i>*Residents wear face coverings if tolerated, IPAC adherence, cleaning prior/ after</i>	ORGANIZED EVENTS/ SOCIAL GATHERINGS	Physical distancing can be relaxed Cohorting can be relaxed when resident activities are outside	Enhanced precautions required Physical distancing (2m) must be maintained; limited capacity in a room Maintain same activity groups as much as possible Cohorting can be relaxed when resident activities are outside	Individual/ door to door programming only for area(s) in outbreak and isolated residents (caregiver permitted)
DINING	COMMUNAL DINING	Consistent seating of residents at same table; physical distancing can be relaxed. 2m distancing between diners at different tables as much as possible	Decreased dining room capacity Physical distancing, 2m maintained between all diners as much as possible	In-suite dining

The document is meant to be used as snapshot of the visitor, absences and social activities section of the Long-Term Care Guidance Document and Directive 3. Readers should refer to [Directive 3](#) and the [Long Term Care Guidance Document](#) for full details of the policies and requirements including exceptions.