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## UPDATE TO ALL FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Hello, thank you to everyone as we start our new protocols today. It is an adjustment for everyone as we all adapt to these new requirements. The new protocols are included again for everyone's information. These are also available at the screening table and on our website:

<https://stpats.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Indoor-Visiting-Requirements-October-13-2021-FINAL.pdf>

Today I would like to clarify that all children visiting under 18 years of age are general visitors and must follow the guidelines based upon their vaccination status. A child visiting who is not vaccinated will not be able to go to the resident home area even if they are with an adult who is vaccinated. Their visit will need to be scheduled and will happen in the visiting room we have set up.

We do not have any cases of Covid19 and thanks to everyone for keeping the residents, staff and each other safe.

### St. Patrick's Home of Ottawa Overview of Indoor Visiting Requirements As of Oct. 13, 2021

<b>Designated Care Givers – fully vaccinated</b> Will be wearing <b>Yellow Badge</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Get screened in</li><li>• <b>Randomized rapid testing will resume once per week for all vaccinated designated caregivers. Please wait for the results before proceeding to the resident room.</b></li><li>• Wear your mask for the duration of your time here</li><li>• Get your <b>Yellow Badge</b></li><li>• You are able to move freely around the building and outdoors maintaining social distancing from other residents and visitors.</li><li>• You may have close contact with your loved one.</li></ul>
<b>Designated Care Givers – not fully vaccinated</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Get screened in.</li><li>• Don your mask and <b>face shield or goggles.</b></li><li>• Complete your rapid test – you must be tested at each visit.</li><li>• Wait in the lobby for the results of the rapid test.</li><li>• Wear your mask and <b>face shield or goggles</b> for the duration of your time here</li></ul>

- You will now require an escort to your loved one's room.
- Visiting can only occur in your loved one's room. You must maintain a social distance of 6 feet.
- You are able to provide your essential caregiving duties in your loved one's room. You may not move around the building without an escort.
- When you are ready to leave the building please notify the staff using the call bell and they will provide an escort out of the building when they are available.
- If you loved one shares a room – Do not interact with the roommate and maintain 6 feet distance at all times.

### **General Visitors – fully vaccinated**

Will be wearing **Yellow Badges**

- Get screened in
- Randomized rapid testing will resume once per week for all vaccinated General Visitors. Please wait for results before proceeding to the resident room.
- Wear your mask for the duration of your time here
- Get your **Yellow Badge**
- You are able to move freely around the building and outdoors maintaining social distancing from other residents and visitors.
- You may have close contact with your loved one.

### **General Visitors – not fully vaccinated**

- General Visitors who are not vaccinated cannot go to the Resident Home Area.
- Appointments for visits are booked through Reception for designated time slots in a specific room for a maximum of one hour; only two general visitors are permitted for each time slot
- Get screened in
- Don your mask and **face shield or goggles**
- Everyone over 2 years of age must complete your rapid test – you must be tested at each visit and wait in the lobby for results before the visit
- You are required to wear mask and **face shield or goggles** for the duration of your visit. You must maintain 6 feet from the resident for the visit.
- You will be escorted to the designated indoor visiting area reserved for your assigned time. You will be escorted from the building at the end of the visit. Call extension 401.
- The resident you are visiting will be brought to the room for the visit.

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