



January 12, 2022

## **UPDATE TO ALL FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

Hello, unfortunately we have had more staff test positive on rapid tests affecting residents who will now be in isolation or their isolation is extended. This affects residents on Dublin, Waterford and Carlow. The families of these residents will be contacted. The continuing surge in cases in the community is affecting the outbreak status of LTC homes across the province.

The good news is that there are no additional positive resident cases.

Also, in discussion with Ottawa Public Health we have now received approval that on the 11<sup>th</sup> day from the close positive contact, we can do a rapid test for asymptomatic residents to end the isolation. This is instead of waiting for the PCR test result, which are delayed. If someone is symptomatic we will need to await the result of the PCR test.

Given this new direction there are residents whose isolation period thankfully can end today with a negative rapid test. Once these rapid tests are completed those individual family members will be notified.

Yesterday we started to give fourth dose Covid19 vaccines to residents who are eligible and who have provided consent for this vaccine. We will continue to deliver these fourth doses as quickly as feasible.

Attached to today's update are the Rules for Indoor Visiting with the most recent revisions highlighted in purple font. This sign is posted at the front entrance and on each home area.

Please stay safe and keep well,

***Janet Morris***  
President and CEO

# Important Rules for Indoor Visitors

Please ensure you are following the rules below while visiting indoors. These are in place to provide a safe and secure environment for the residents, staff and visitors within the home. We know that everyone will follow the outlined requirements for the protection of all, however, anyone who is not able to adhere to the requirements will be asked to leave the building for everyone's safety. Future visits will be determined by the President and CEO based upon discussion with the visitor and the resident or their Power of Attorney or Substitute Decision Maker.

- Physical distancing (2m/6 feet) must be maintained at the screening station, please wait between the doors or outside if the screener is busy with others when you arrive
- Masks and [eye protection](#) are to be worn properly and **at all times**, many of our residents are unable to understand the masking protocols and this is for their protection
- Visitors must maintain a physical distance (2m/6 feet) from other residents, all staff and all visitors
- Visitors are only able to eat and/or drink on the main level at the physically distanced (2m/6feet) tables provided and this is not to include the resident
- Do not arrive between 2:30pm and 3:15pm as shift change creates congestion in both the parking lot and at the screening area
- **Effective December 17, 2021, visits are limited to two caregivers per resident at a time OR [one caregiver at a time when in outbreak](#)**
- **Effective December 30, 2021, general visitors are not permitted entry to the home**

## Vaccination Requirements for Designated Caregivers

- **Effective December 20, 2021, Designated Caregivers will be required to have a 1<sup>st</sup> dose of a COVID vaccine to enter the home unless they have a medical exemption or their loved one is at end-of-life; they will have until February 21, 2022 to provide proof of the 2<sup>nd</sup> dose**
- **Effective January 28, 2022, Designated Caregivers who are eligible will be required to have their 3<sup>rd</sup> dose of a COVID vaccine to enter the home. The remainder of Designated Caregivers will have until May 23, 2022 to show proof of their 3<sup>rd</sup> dose.**