



September 7, 2022

UPDATE TO ALL FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Hello,

The outbreak at St. Pat's is now over! Our most recent outbreak has been long and it has been a challenge. I want to thank everyone for following the required protocols during this outbreak and doing everything we could to keep the residents safe.

Although the outbreak is over we still have infection prevention and control practices that we (designated caregivers, visitors, staff and volunteers) all must follow:

1. Staff and all visitors need to continue to wear masks in the building as well as on the property outside.
2. Staff continue to wear eye protection with all direct care, which includes meal times.
3. Families/visitors are encouraged to wear eye protection for direct care with the resident.
4. Continue to encourage residents to wear a mask, even when providing care.
5. Hand hygiene continues to be a key infection prevention practice.
6. Rapid testing and screening at entry continues. Please do not visit if you are feeling ill.

Although there have been changes to the requirements in Ontario for isolation following Covid19 in Ontario, there is no change for isolation requirements for visiting in a long term care home.

As per the most recent guidance from the province:

Isolation Period for Test-Positive Cases and Individuals with COVID-19 symptoms, isolation requirements are,

‘At least 10 days after the date of specimen collection or symptom onset (whichever is earlier/ applicable) and until symptoms have been improving for 24 hours (or 48 hours if gastrointestinal symptoms) and no fever present’.

Please contact us if you have any questions on when you can visit after a positive Covid19 test or when symptoms develop.

Long Term Care Home Accommodations Charges

We received notice from the Ministry of Long Term Care last week that the accommodation rates for resident's living in all Ontario Long Term Care Homes will increase as of Oct. 1,

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2022. The Bulletin to Residents of Long-Term Care Homes: Important News Regarding Long-Term Care Home Accommodations Charges is attached today for your information. The person who receives the invoice and billing information will also receive this with the invoices this week as well as being posted at St. Pat's.

We have also included in today's update a message from Family and Friends Council.

Be well and stay safe,

Janet Morris
President and CEO

A Message from St. Pat's Family and Friends Council

Family and Friends Council Meeting Notice

A meeting of Council is scheduled for this Saturday, September 10th at 10 .a.m. The meeting is held using a Zoom link.

Families who are not currently on Council's email list are invited to attend as well. You can contact us by email at stpatsffc@gmail.com to obtain the Zoom link.

All families and friends of residents are invited to attend to exchange ideas, receive updates, bring up concerns and receive information on a variety of topics affecting their loved one's care and wellbeing.

Janet Chene and Andrew Bala
Co-Chairs, Family and Friends Council

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Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, the annual long-term care home resident co-payment rate increase was deferred to October 1, 2022. Consistent with prior years, an inflationary increase of 2.5% will be applied to the co-payment for basic and preferred accommodation in Long-Term Care (LTC) Homes.

Basic Accommodation Rates

On October 1, 2022, the co-payment that residents pay for basic accommodation in Long-Term Care (LTC) homes **will increase by \$1.55 per day from \$62.18 per day to \$63.73 per day**, consistent with recent inflationary increases. This will help cover the rising costs of meals and accommodation.

Preferred Accommodation Rates

The maximum charges will also be increasing for residents admitted to newer preferred accommodation beds **on or after October 1, 2022**. The premium charged for semi-private accommodation will increase by \$0.32 from \$12.78 to \$13.10 per day, and the premium for private accommodation will increase by \$0.67 from \$26.64 to \$27.31 per day.

The table below provides the new rates that will apply as of October 1, 2022 to all types of accommodation based on a resident's date of admission to the bed.

Type of Accommodation	Daily Rate	Monthly
Long-Stay Resident:		
Basic	\$63.73	\$1,938.46
Semi-Private		
Residents admitted to newer beds on or after July 1, 2015.	\$76.83	\$2,336.92
Residents admitted to newer beds on or after September 1, 2014, but prior to July 1, 2015.	\$75.74	\$2,303.76

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Residents admitted to newer beds on or after July 1, 2013, but prior to September 1, 2014.	\$74.65	\$2,270.61
Residents admitted to newer beds on or after July 1, 2012, but prior to July 1, 2013.	\$73.54	\$2,236.84
Residents occupying older beds, or residents admitted to newer beds prior to July 1, 2012.	\$72.47	\$2,204.30

Private

Residents admitted to newer beds on or after July 1, 2015.	\$91.04	\$2,769.14
Residents admitted to newer beds on or after September 1, 2014, but prior to July 1, 2015.	\$89.13	\$2,711.04
Residents admitted to newer beds on or after July 1, 2013, but prior to September 1, 2014.	\$87.21	\$2,652.64
Residents admitted to newer beds on or after July 1, 2012, but prior to July 1, 2013.	\$85.30	\$2,594.54
Residents occupying older beds, or residents admitted to newer beds prior to July 1, 2012.	\$83.38	\$2,536.14

Short-Stay Resident (Respite Bed)

\$41.25 N/A

NOTE: “Newer beds” – beds classified as “NEW” or “A” according to ministry design standards

“Older beds” – beds classified as “B”, “C”, “Upgraded D” or “D” according to ministry design standards

Effective from October 1, 2022, the basic accommodation rate is determined using the following formula:

- 2019 / 2020 / 2021 rate x (1 + CPI Rate up to a maximum of 2.5%) = 2022 co-payment rate. [i.e., \$62.18 x (1+2.5%) = \$63.73]
- The monthly rate is determined by multiplying the daily rate by 30.4167. [i.e., \$63.73 x 30.4167 = \$1,938.46]

If you have requested a transfer from your current accommodation into a preferred accommodation bed, please call the LTC home administrator to confirm the rate that you will be required to pay. Preferred rates for semi-private and private accommodation in your current LTC home or in another LTC home may be different if you are offered a bed on or after October 1, 2022.

If you are currently paying less than \$63.73 per day because you are receiving a reduction in the basic co-payment, known as a “Rate Reduction,” you should not be affected because your co-payment amount is determined based on what you can afford. However, if you did not qualify for a rate reduction during the 2022-23 Rate Reduction cycle (which began on July 1,

2022, and ends on June 30, 2023) due to your income being slightly too high, you may reapply as of October 1, 2022 to see if you now qualify. All residents receiving a rate reduction should re-apply for a reduction in the basic co-payment rate for the 2023-24 cycle, beginning on July 1, 2023. Staff at your LTC home will provide you with the application form and will help you to submit your application to the Ministry of Long-Term Care.

For more information on co-payment rates or the changes to the rate reduction application process, please speak with your home's Administrator. Should you have any additional questions, please contact: LTC.RateReduction@ontario.ca.