

## Absences in Faith or Grace Manors

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The government has announced the lifting of restrictions to absences in long-term care for ALL residents. **Please communicate with the DRC or ADRC at the Manors in advance of any temporary absence so a risk assessment can be completed to ensure resident safety.**

### Short stay absences:

- ✓ Residents may leave the home for short periods of time for essential reasons, medical appointments, compassionate reasons or social visits.
- ✓ Short absences are not overnight with the exception of a single-night emergency room visit.

### Temporary absences:

- ✓ Residents may leave the home for one or more nights for personal reasons with approval from the home.
- ✓ On return, partially immunized and unimmunized residents will be required to self-isolate and have a PCR test. This will also impact their roommate (if applicable).

### The following conditions must be met for all absences;

- ✓ The long-term care home must NOT be in outbreak. If the home goes into outbreak, all absences must end.
- ✓ Residents must pass active screening every time they re-enter Faith or Grace Manor and attest to not experiencing any of the typical or atypical symptoms of Covid-19. If active screening is not passed, Faith and Grace Manors infection control protocols will be initiated and the resident may be placed on 14-day isolation under contact and droplet precautions.
- ✓ Residents must wear a surgical mask while outside of the Manors.

**\*We strongly recommend that all friends/families get tested for COVID-19 prior to any short or temporary absence, to decrease the risk of potential exposure to this vulnerable population\***

Faith and Grace Manor understands there is added risk when out in the community and urge our families and residents who wish to leave the Manors for absences to continue to be diligent with following infection control practices. **As a reminder, an outbreak in the Manors suspends all short absences as well as visits and places residents back into isolation.** We ask that you;

- ✓ **Communicate plans.** Inform the DRC or ADRC your plans, to ensure we are aware and can be prepared.
- ✓ **Sign out.** Complete the appropriate forms at the screener table to communicate each time you have left and anticipated time of return.
- ✓ **Use a surgical mask.** We will provide you with one. Please remember, the mask should cover your nose and mouth and fit snug to your face.
- ✓ **Wash your hands often.** Proper hand hygiene is the best defense!
- ✓ **Maintain physical distancing.** Continue to stay 2 metres from others.
- ✓ **Be safe and enjoy yourself!** It is your responsibility to ensure you not only protect yourself, but others in the Manors.
- ✓ **Screen in.** When you return to the Manors, you are required to complete active screening at the entrance.