

ORGANIZATIONAL UPDATE

* This document is updated weekly (and not on the weekends) unless there is significant change that requires communicating.*

A reminder to all staff, tenants and visitors, please continue to monitor yourself for symptoms of COVID-19 at all times, immediately self-isolate if symptoms develop, do not visit the facility or come to work.

DATE: AUGUST 15, 2022

The safety of our residents, tenants, staff and visitors is our top priority. Therefore, it is critical that masks be worn properly at all times, frequent handwashing is done and all public health measures are adhered to.

We will not tolerate any abuse of our staff who are enforcing these rules.

GRACE MANOR:

- ❖ Grace Manor has been declared Under Investigation by Peel Public Health due to 1 staff positive case.

FAITH MANOR:

- ❖ No new cases in the last 24 hours.

Visiting and Absences in Long-Term Care – when facility is not in outbreak

- **INDOOR VISITS:** Indoor visits by general visitors and caregivers are limited to 4 people at a time. Essential caregivers may still visit when a resident is in isolation, under investigation or outbreak, however capacity limit is 1 person at that time and full PPE is required.
- **OUTDOOR VISITS:** Limits on outdoor visits have been lifted. Visitors or caregivers who will enter the home to take a resident out of the home area for either a day absence or an outdoor visit will be required to be actively screened and must receive a negative Rapid Antigen Test prior to going onto the unit to get the resident.
- **SHORT STAY ABSENCES AND TEMPORARY ABSENCES:** Day and overnight absences for social purposes are permitted for all residents., regardless of vaccination status.
- Please see the new [LTC Visitor, Absences and Social Gatherings chart](#) for a breakdown of the changes and requirements.
- Anyone who is required to quarantine by the Government of Canada, is not permitted to enter a long-term care home until released from quarantine. This requirement also applies to individuals in the same household as the person required to quarantine.

Testing Requirements

- For testing requirements when the home is not in outbreak, please see the [LTC, Visitor, Absences and Social Gatherings chart](#).
- When the home is in outbreak, Public Health may require additional testing requirements, which will be communicated at the screening point.

Essential Caregivers

Residents (or the residents substitute decision maker if resident is not capable) may **designate FOUR (4) essential caregivers**. A resident and/or their substitute decision-maker may not continuously change a designation in order to increase the number of people able to enter the home. Visits are limited to 4 people at a time per resident (when home is not in outbreak). **ALL Designated Essential Caregivers** will be actively screened and tested as per the testing requirements above.

The name(s) of the caregivers [must be submitted in writing to the home](#), please contact:

- **FAITH MANOR** – Sellinor Ogwu: 905.459.3333 Ext. 5236 sellinor.ogwu@hch.ca
- **GRACE MANOR** – Justine Dudziak: 905.459.3333 Ext. 5255 justine.dudziak@hch.ca

TOWERS (INDEPENDENT/ASSISTED LIVING):

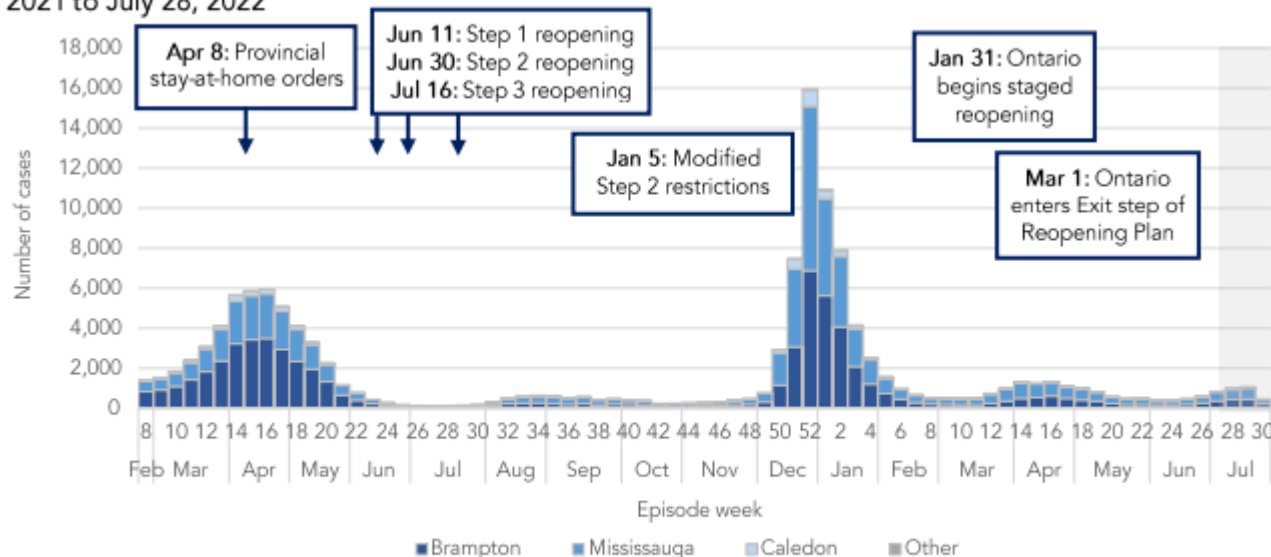
- ❖ Masks/face coverings are no longer required, but are still recommended to be worn in common areas of HCH.
 - ❖ Visitors experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19 or those who have come into contact with someone suspected of having COVID-19 should not visit HCH.
 - ❖ Even if you have been vaccinated it is very important that you continue to follow all public health recommendations. Vaccination does not guarantee that you will not get COVID-19, the vaccines protect you from developing severe illness and hospitalization associated with COVID-19 illness. This means that although the risk is reduced, it is still possible for you to get COVID-19 and spread it to other people.
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REGIONAL, PROVINCIAL AND NATIONAL COVID-19 DATA AND RESOURCES

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, we urge all members/residents of our community to continue to be diligent in infection prevention and control measures.

We continue to encourage all members of our community to get the COVID-19 vaccine and boosters as they provide the greatest protection to yourself and others. On September 1, 2021 the Ontario COVID-19 Science Advisory Table [reported](#) that unvaccinated individuals have a 30-fold higher risk of being in the hospital compared to fully vaccinated.

Figure 1. Confirmed COVID-19 cases in Peel by municipality and episode week (n=130,758): February 21, 2021 to July 28, 2022



Note: Episode date of cases reflect the earliest of the following dates: symptom onset, test date, or date reported to public health. Due to delays in time from infection to seeking health care, illnesses occurring during the shaded area may not yet be reported to public health.

Source: Ontario Ministry of Health, Public Health Case and Contact Management Solution (CCM), extracted by Peel Public Health [28/Jul/2022] at 10:00 am

****For additional information and resources please visit our [COVID-19 Information and Resources page](#)****