

## Long-Term Care Visitor, Absences & Social Gatherings Snapshot: changes effective October 14, 2022

REQUIREMENTS		VISITOR LIMITS WHEN NOT IN OUTBREAK	MASKING / PPE	OUTBREAK/ RESIDENT IN ISOLATION	SYMPTOMATIC	ASYMPTOMATIC	RAPID ANTIGEN TEST FREQUENCY <small>*Not used during outbreak unless directed by Public Health*</small>	PCR TEST FREQUENCY
<b>VISITORS</b>	<p><b>ESSENTIAL – CAREGIVER</b></p> <p>A maximum of 4 caregivers may be designated per resident at a time.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p><b>Indoors</b> – no limits</p> <p><b>Outdoors</b> – no limits</p>	<p>Must wear a medical grade mask for entire visit unless alone with a resident in their room. For families visiting residents living in shared rooms, close the curtains between beds prior to removal of the mask.</p> <p>Removal of masks for the purposes of eating is restricted to a resident’s room.</p> <p>If staff enter the room for care, visitors must put the mask back on until the staff leaves.</p> <p>No eye protection required.</p>	<p>May support in resident’s room / isolation room (1 essential caregiver per visit – must have at least 2 vaccines of covid-19)</p> <p>(N-95 mask, shield, gown and gloves must be worn – see the RN on the unit before entering the resident room)</p> <p>If resident unaffected by outbreak, may support outside of resident’s room</p>	No Entry, PCR Test Required from Community	Screening requires active screening and signing an attestation form and complete Rapid Antigen Testing (RAT)	Participate in surveillance testing <b>three times weekly</b> prior to visit. * must wait for results prior to going to the resident home area.	Only if Antigen test is positive OR symptomatic. PCR to be completed in community.
	<p><b>NON-ESSENTIAL GENERAL VISITOR</b></p> <p>*Personal care services (i.e. haircutting), entertainers, etc.</p>	<p><b>Indoors</b> – no limits</p> <p><b>Outdoors</b> – no limits</p>	<p>Must wear a medical grade mask for entire visit unless alone with a resident in their room. For families visiting LTC residents living in shared rooms, close the curtains between beds prior to removal of the mask.</p> <p>Removal of masks for the purposes of eating is restricted to a resident’s room.</p> <p>If staff enter the room for care, visitors must put the mask back on until the staff leaves.</p> <p>No eye protection required</p>	<p>Not permitted (unless visiting a resident receiving end of life care)</p>	No Entry, PCR Test Required from Community	Screening requires active screening and signing an attestation form and complete Rapid Antigen Testing (RAT)	Participate in surveillance testing <b>daily</b> prior to visit. * must wait for results prior to going to the resident home area.	Only if Antigen test is positive OR symptomatic. PCR to be completed in community

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REQUIREMENTS		ABSENCES PERMITTED (NOT IN OUTBREAK)	MASKING / PPE (if tolerated)	ABSENCES DURING OUTBREAK/ RESIDENT IN ISOLATION	ABSENCES FOR SYMPTOMATIC RESIDENT	ABSENCES FOR ASYMPTOMATIC RESIDENT	RAPID ANTIGEN TEST FREQUENCY <small>*Not used during outbreak unless directed by Public Health*</small>
<b>RESIDENT ABSENCES</b>	<b>MEDICAL</b>	Permitted	Wear medical grade mask and handwashing	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted	On admission – isolate unvaccinated residents – PCR Testing completed and isolation remains until PCR results.  *No testing or isolation upon return from an absence unless resident is symptomatic
	<b>COMPASSIONATE/ PALLIATIVE</b>	Permitted	Wear medical grade mask and handwashing	Permitted	As per Public Health	Permitted	
	<b>SHORT TERM - ESSENTIAL</b>	Permitted	Wear medical grade mask and handwashing	Not Permitted	Not permitted	Permitted	
	<b>SHORT TERM – SOCIAL (&lt;24 hrs)</b>	Permitted	Wear medical grade mask and handwashing	Not permitted	Not permitted	Permitted	
	<b>TEMPORARY (2+days/ overnight)</b>	Permitted	Wear medical grade mask and handwashing	Not permitted	Not permitted	Permitted	
	<b>OFF-SITE GROUP EXCURSIONS</b>	Permitted	Wear medical grade mask and handwashing	Not permitted	Not permitted	Permitted	
REQUIREMENTS		ALL RESIDENTS			OUTBREAK/ISOLATION		
<b>SOCIAL GATHERINGS</b>	<b>ORGANIZED EVENTS/ SOCIAL GATHERINGS</b>	Social group activities permitted. Social distancing rules apply based on space available / limited capacity in a room, good ventilation.  Cohorting can be relaxed for social activities with the exception of dining.  Maintain same activity groups as much as possible  <i>*Residents wear face coverings if tolerated, IPAC adherence, cleaning prior/ after</i>			Individual/door to door programming only for area(s) in outbreak and isolated residents (vaccinated essential caregiver permitted)  On advice of the Public Health Unit		
<b>DINING</b>	<b>COMMUNAL DINING</b>	Consistent seating of residents at same table – physical distancing can be relaxed. 2m distancing between diners at different tables as much as possible.  Visitors and caregivers may accompany a resident for meals to assist a resident with eating, however the visitor and/or caregiver should remain masked at all times and not join in the meal. Frequent hand-washing required.  Removal of masks for the purposes of eating is restricted to a resident’s room.			In-suite dining  On advice of the Public Health Unit		

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