

**Thursday, June 29, 2023**

## MEMO:

**Regarding: IPAC CHANGES AT GRACE AND FAITH MANORS**

**Distribution: FAMILIES AND STAFF**

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Dear Everyone,

As of June 30, 2023, the following changes have been made at Grace and Faith Manors:

### **Masking requirements:**

#### **For staff, students, volunteers, and support workers:**

Masking will not be required. Instead mask use will be based on a point-of-care risk assessment (PCRA) with every resident interaction, consistent with existing routine practices, and on the return-to-work protocol following COVID-19 infection (PCRA signage posted at PPE station).

Masks are no longer required in administrative and staff-only areas (e.g., lunchrooms, offices, gyms).

#### **For caregivers and visitors:**

Masks are recommended, but not required, in all areas of the home. This means that caregivers and visitors may now join in for dining and sharing a meal or beverage in communal areas (**if residents are symptomatic/on isolation; families are required to wear appropriate PPE, including masks during the visit**).

### **Isolation criteria for staff, residents, caregivers and visitors:**

**Staff** with COVID-19 may now routinely return to work once they no longer have a fever and their symptoms have been improving for 24 hours (48 hours if no gastrointestinal symptoms). Upon return to work, staff should follow measures to reduce the risk of transmission for 10 days from their symptom onset or positive test, including wearing a mask and distancing from others before they remove their masks (to eat/drink).

Residents with COVID-19 remain under isolation and additional precautions for 10 days. After day 5, if their symptoms are improving, they may begin to take walks around the unit with a staff or visitor, provided the resident is wearing a mask.

If the COVID positive resident has a roommate, that resident should be placed on additional precautions. Individuals who remain asymptomatic may discontinue isolation after 5 days (from when the original resident became symptomatic or positive).

**Visitors** should continue to avoid visiting a long-term care home for 10 days after symptom onset or positive test result. Essential caregiver is able to visit within 10 days period, if asymptomatic or symptoms have



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resolved, but they must follow measures to reduce the risk of transmission for 10 days from their symptom onset/positive test, including wearing a mask.