

VISITOR POLICY

Statement of Purpose:

Visitors are a component to the well-being of the residents. They support the mental and emotional well-being of the residents by reducing potential negative impacts related to social isolation.

Procedure:

1. All visitors are permitted into the home.
2. Visitors are encouraged to follow the recommendations from the Medical Officer of Health regarding the recommended doses of the COVID- 19 vaccine and are also encouraged to get vaccinated in the fall of each year for Influenza.
3. All Visitors must follow the Policies and Procedures outlined by the Home based on the best practice guidelines of the Ministry of Long-Term Care or Local Public Health guidelines.
4. Visitors are not permitted into the dining room during meals. This was a decision made by the Residents Council.

Visiting Hours:

Visitors are permitted into the home to visit a resident. The home does not have specific visiting hours however, visitors are encouraged to visit between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. to allow the staff to care for the residents. Visiting during mealtimes is discouraged, unless you are coming to have a meal with the resident. This should be pre-arranged where possible.

Health and Safety:

Everyone in the Long-Term Care Home, whether staff, student, volunteer, caregiver, support worker, general visitor or resident, has a responsibility to ensure the ongoing health and safety of all by following infection control policies and procedures.

Everyone must self-screen for symptoms of or exposure to COVID-19 or any other infectious diseases. Please do not visit if you have any symptoms.

Visitors are required to follow Chief Medical Officer of Health's recommendation regarding masking. Visitors are requested to follow the recommendation of the home regarding masking.

Infection prevention and control measures continue to be followed, including hand washing and enhanced cleaning.