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## Visitation Update:

The Provincial Health Officer has announced the end of respiratory season and in consideration of the epidemiology for influenza, RSV and COVID-19, the mandatory requirements with respect to visitors in long-term care and seniors' assisted living have changed:

- Visitors will no longer be required to provide their vaccination status, and those who are unvaccinated for COVID-19 will be able to visit freely at long-term care and assisted living sites.
- Visitors will no longer be required to undergo a rapid antigen test or confirm a recent negative rapid antigen test prior to visiting.
- Visitors will not be required to wear masks while visiting long-term care and assisted living sites, unless specifically required based on a Point of Care Risk Assessment (assessment by a health care worker that masking is required based on the risks of infection, including a resident's symptoms, the type of interaction with residents, and the environment). Masks will still be available in the front lobby for those who wish to wear one.
- There will be no restrictions on gatherings, events or activities including visitors, indoors or outdoors, regardless of visitor vaccination status.
- Active screening of visitors is no longer required (in favour of passive screening – signs and reminders not to visit when sick).

Medical Health Officers and public health staff continue to have the authority to declare outbreaks and require restrictions and measures to be implemented at their discretion.

We **DO** require every visitor to log themselves into the visitation binder that will be kept in the front lobby.

The health and safety of our residents and staff is our first priority, and we appreciate your cooperation.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

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