

## North Centennial Manor Update

### New PANDEMIC RESPONSE guidelines

### Effective March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023

The Ministry of Health and Long-term Care has provided new guidelines for LTC Homes. Therefore, as we approach the end of the respiratory illness season, the Ministry anticipates that COVID-19 is likely to fluctuate around the current level of activity and that the risk of severe outcomes to residents has been reduced with the high vaccine uptake among residents and availability of safe and effective therapeutics. As such, North Centennial Manor has reviewed its current response measures.

#### 1) Screen Testing (Swabbing):

- is no longer required

#### 2) Passive screening:

Passive screening is **ONGOING** for ALL STAFF, VISITORS, CAREGIVERS, STUDENTS, SUPPORT WORKERS. Self-monitoring for symptoms of COVID-19 and other respiratory or infectious diseases will prevent the spread of illness in our Homes.

- **Staff/Volunteers/Support Workers/Students:** Upon arrival, they must continue to sign in at the front doors, answer the self-screening questions and continue to self-monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 and other respiratory or other infectious diseases.
- **Visitors and caregivers:** Upon arrival, visitors and caregivers will need to sign in at the front door, answer the self-screening questions and continue to self-monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 and other respiratory or infectious diseases. Upon departure, you will be required to sign out.

If you are experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19 and other respiratory or other infectious diseases, **DO NOT VISIT THE MANOR.** This will prevent the spread of illness in our Home.

#### 3) Masking:

**INDOOR:** As the first defense against the transmission of respiratory viruses, **masks** are REQUIRED for long-term care **staff**, as well as for **visitors** and others **entering** long-term care homes.

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- Also, when **not in** a one-on-one setting with a resident in their room or a designated space within the home, visitors and caregivers are **REQUIRED** to be masked.
- Caregivers and visitors are not required to wear masks when they are alone with a resident in their private room.
- For residents living in **shared rooms**, **masking is REQUIRED**.

## OUTDOORS:

- Residents, caregivers and visitors are **no longer required** to mask outdoors.
- Staff, support worker and volunteers: The **requirement to mask** remains in place when outdoors.
- During their breaks, to prevent staff-to-staff transmission of COVID-19, staff must remain two meters away from others at all times and be physically distanced before removing their medical mask for eating and drinking.
- Masks must not be removed when staff are interacting with residents or in designated resident areas.

## **4) Visitors during outbreak:**

The limit of one caregiver at a time during a COVID-19 outbreak or when a resident is symptomatic or isolating under Additional Precautions **is no longer required**. During an outbreak, LTC homes continue to be subject to public health unit (PHU) direction per the Ministry of Health COVID-19 Guidance: Long-Term. We will follow guidelines as per our Local PHU.

\*General visitors are not permitted to visit residents indoors if the entire home is in outbreak or the resident is symptomatic or isolating under additional precautions. If only a portion of the home is in outbreak, residents unaffected by that outbreak may still have visitors both indoors and outdoors.

## **5) Activities**

The Manor recognizes that activities is essential to the mental health and well-being of residents Therefore, with guidance from our local PHUs, the Manor will structure activities based on staff capacity and the resident population.

## **6) Social/Medical/Short Stay Absences:**

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- **Day Social:** Bookings are no longer required UNLESS medication is required. 24 hour notice is needed if medication is required - Please arrange with the Charge Nurse 705-335-6125 Ext. 244
- **Medical Appointments:** Bookings are no longer required UNLESS medication is required. 24 hour notice is needed if medication is required- Please contact the Charge Nurse to arrange 705-335-6125 x 244
- **Overnight Absences:** Bookings no longer required UNLESS medication is required. 24 hour notice is needed if medication is required- Please contact the Charge Nurse to arrange 705-335-6125 x 244

## 7) COVID-19 Vaccination:

The Manor has made **NO CHANGES** to its COVID-19 vaccination policy. In consideration of the new Pandemic Response Update, we are **reviewing** our policy based on the recommended consultations as per the Ministry's guidelines.