



North Centennial Manor Update

New PANDEMIC RESPONSE guidelines

Effective June 27th, 2023

The Ministry of Health and Long-term Care has provided new guidelines for LTC Homes effective immediately. 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) **UPDATED: Masking:**

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Masking requirements for staff, students, volunteers, and support workers:

- Masking will be based on a point-of-care risk assessment (PCRA), consistent with existing Routine Practices, and on the return-to-work protocol following COVID-19 infection (see section below on staff isolation)
 - A PCRA must be completed by every health care worker before every patient interaction and task to determine whether there is a risk to the

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health care worker or other individuals of being exposed to an infectious agent, including COVID-19, and determine the appropriate IPAC measures to be taken.

- Staff may consider wearing a mask during prolonged direct resident care (defined as one-on-one care within two metres of an individual for 15 minutes or longer).
- 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.
 - Communal Dining: The manor has communal dining on each resident unit.
 - This means that caregivers and visitors may now join in for dining and sharing a meal or beverage in the residents room due to the lack of space in dining room.
 - In outbreak situations, or if a resident is on Additional Precautions, all individuals are required to comply with masking and other personal protective equipment requirements as directed by the outbreak management team and the local public health unit.

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.

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:

- **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

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- **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:

VISITORS: Proof of vaccination of visitors is not required. They are to perform hand hygiene in entry and before and after care in resident areas.

As for staff, the vaccination policy is still under review and will be updated accordingly.