



# COVID-19 Policies: What Residents Can Expect in their Long-Term Care Home

(As of March 31, 2023)



## All residents will continue to\*...

- Spend time with visitors and caregivers without wearing masks in your room (if you are not sharing a room) or in a space designated by the home
- Enjoy the company of visitors, indoors or outdoors, consistent with your home's visitor and/or vaccination policies
- Participate in group social activities, including games, clubs and exercises
- Have meals in the dining room, including buffet and family-style meals
- Leave the home for all types of absences, including social day and overnight absences, and not have to be actively screened, tested or quarantined upon return to the home\*\*

\*Unless otherwise directed by the local public health unit, during outbreaks in the home or when isolating

\*\* Unless you have symptoms of COVID-19

## What measures are in place to make my long-term care home safe?

- Everyone must screen for symptoms of or exposure to COVID-19\*
- Residents will be monitored daily for infection, but daily temperature checks are no longer required.
- All staff, students, support workers and volunteers are required to wear masks and applicable personal protective equipment when interacting with residents.
- All caregivers and general visitors are required to wear a mask when in common or shared spaces of the home, and are recommended to wear a mask in a resident's room.
- Infection prevention and control measures continue to be followed, including hand washing and enhanced cleaning.

\*Individual homes may have their own additional policies for screening and testing requirements

## What if my home is in outbreak?

### Residents can expect the following if the area of the home they live in is in outbreak\*:

- Group activities, dining and social gatherings can continue in non-outbreak areas if residents are able to follow public health measures.
- For outbreak areas of a home, residents will be cohorted in small groups for all essential activities. Group activities for cohorts may continue/resume if operationally feasible.
- Communal dining, non-essential activities and personal care services may be suspended or modified.
- Caregivers can still visit.

\*Unless otherwise directed by the local public health unit



# COVID-19 Safety Measures for Absences

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**Whenever outside of their long-term care home, residents should do their best to:**

- Wear a mask (as tolerated)
- Wash hands frequently

## What happens when I return home?

**When residents return from a day or overnight absence they will:**

- Are required to test and isolate only if they have symptoms of COVID-19

## What if I come into contact with someone with COVID-19?

**Residents regardless of COVID-19 vaccination status:**

- Monitor for symptoms, but no longer need to isolate unless they develop symptoms or their roommate has COVID-19
- For residents whose roommate has COVID-19, they must isolate until a negative result is obtained from the day five PCR test. Residents with symptoms or who test positive for COVID-19 must isolate for 10 days
- All residents are still permitted to see their caregivers while in isolation