



COMMUNITY NOTICE

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DOH ANNOUNCES UPDATES TO LTC COVID-19 VISITATION POLICIES

The Department of Health is informing the community on updates to the COVID-19 Visitation Policies for the Iahkhihsohtha Lodge and the Tsiionkwanonhso:te Long-term Care Facility. The Ministry of Long-Term Care has provided the following updates to the Visitation Policies:

- *Masks will continue to be required at all times when in the LTC facilities. Eating and drinking is not permitted except where a home is able to provide a designated space.*
- *Up to four visitors (including designated caregivers) per resident at a time (unless in outbreak or quarantine status)*
- *Visitors are expected to follow the individual home's vaccination policies*
- *There will be a maximum of four (4) designated caregivers (unless previously designated) per resident*

When a home, lodge, or LTC is in non-outbreak status, the following visitation policies are in effect:

- *Physical distancing with the resident is not required*
- *Visitors may support the resident in the dining room and join in planned activities*
- *Visitors must be screened and tested to enter the home, lodge, or LTC*

When a home, lodge, or LTC is identified to be in outbreak status, the following visitation policies are in effect:

- *Only one designated caregiver per visitor may provide support in the residents' room or quarantine room*
- *General visitation is not permitted, unless visiting a resident receiving end-of-life care*

The following resident absences are permitted when the home, lodge, or LTC is in non-outbreak status (medical masks are required when residents are out of the facility tending to matters away from the home/lodge/LTC):

- *Medical, Compassionate, or Palliative care*
- *Short-term essential (less than 24 hours)*



- *Short-term social (less than 24 hours); permitted for residents regardless of vaccination status*
- *Temporary social (2+ days or overnight); permitted for residents regardless of vaccination status*
- *Organized events or social gatherings; no cohorting required; limited capacity in a room; social group activities should be in small groups*
- *Communal dining: cohorting of residents and physical distancing not required; physical distance between dining tables as much as possible; buffet and family style permitted; caregivers and visitors may join residents while remaining masked at all times*

The following absences are not permitted when the home, lodge, or LTC is in outbreak status:

- *Short-term social (less than 24 hours)*
- *Temporary social (2+ days or overnight)*
- *Organized events or social gatherings (permission will be based on advice of the public health unit)*
- *Communal dining (in-suite dining will be permitted)*

If you have any questions about the new visitation updates, please contact the Tsiionkwanonhso:te Long-Term Care Facility at 613-932-1409 or the Iakhihsotha Lodge at 613-575-2507.