

Long-Term Care Visitor, Absences & Social Gatherings Snapshot

As of February 21, 2022

		Requirements		
		Fully Vaccinated ¹	Not Fully Vaccinated	Outbreak/ Resident in Quarantine
VISITORS *Masks required at all times. Eating and drinking not permitted except where a home is able to provide designated space New: Maximum three visitors (including caregivers) per resident at a time (unless in outbreak or quarantine)	Essential – Caregivers Maximum four designated (unless previously designated).	May have physical contact with resident May support in dining room, join in activities Must be screened and tested to enter home	New: Restricted to outdoor visits (where permitted)	Those fully vaccinated may support in resident's room or quarantine room (one per visit)
	General Visitors	New: Must have a minimum two doses of COVID-19 vaccine to gain entry to home ² . Must be screened and tested to enter home	New: Restricted to outdoor visits (where permitted)	Not permitted, unless visiting a resident receiving end of life care.
		Requirements*		
		All Residents		Outbreak/ Resident in Quarantine
ABSENCES *Medical mask required, follow IPAC, active screening on return * Testing and Isolation requirements following an absence are set out in the Long-Term Care Guidance Document and the COVID-19 Guidance: Long-Term Care Homes and Retirement Homes for Public Health Units	Medical, Compassionate, or Palliative	Permitted		
	Short Term – Essential (less than 24 hours)	Permitted		
	Short Term – Social (less than 24 hours)	New: Permitted for all residents (regardless of vaccination status)	Not permitted	
	Temporary – Social (2+ days or overnight)	New: Permitted for residents with at least three doses of COVID-19 vaccine Not permitted for all other residents	Not permitted	
SOCIAL GATHERINGS *Residents wear mask if tolerated, IPAC adherence, cleaning prior/ after	Organized Events or Social Gatherings	Limited capacity in a room Cohorting required for high risk activities (singing and exercise) Social group activities should be in small groups (up to 10)	Advice of the PHU	
DINING	Communal Dining	Cohorting of residents, physical distancing at table not required Physical distancing between dining tables as much as possible Buffet and family style dining permitted. Fully vaccinated caregivers may join residents while remaining masked at all times	In-suite dining	

¹ Fully vaccinated as per [Ministry of Health's COVID-19 Fully Vaccinated Status in Ontario](#) guidance

²End of life care and medical exemptions apply, where one who is not fully vaccinated enters the home with limited access to only the residents' room. Must be screened and tested to enter home