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Riverside Health Care was pleased to see the Government of Ontario recently revise its COVID-19 pandemic response measures in all long-term care homes. Based on guidance from the Ministry of Long-Term Care, Riverside Health Care has likewise adjusted its pandemic response requirements for our Homes.

These changes will ensure people living in long-term care get the quality of care and quality of life they need, and that valuable staff time and resources are focused on resident care and effective infection prevention and control practices.

The following changes are coming into effect March 31, 2023:

- Testing of staff, caregivers, volunteers, and visitors who do not show symptoms (asymptomatic) is no longer required.
- Outdoor masking is no longer recommended for residents, caregivers, and visitors. Masking remains in place for staff outdoors when in close proximity to a resident. All indoor masking requirements remain in place.
- Daily temperature checks and screening of residents returning from an absence are no longer required.
- Social and physical activities in the home can be held without adjusting for physical distancing.
- As always, please refrain from visiting if you are feeling ill in any way.

The care and safety of our residents, team members and families are a top priority. Thank you for your unwavering support, friendship, and commitment to the Riverside team.

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