

IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
December 28, 2021

The Ontario government, in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health (CMOH), is taking additional temporary enhanced measures in response to the rapid increase of COVID-19 cases in both the community and long-term care homes. These further actions are to protect the health and safety of residents, staff and from COVID-19 and the Omicron variant.

Accordingly, Riverside Health Care has likewise adjusted its COVID-19 visitation requirements for Long Term Care.

To continue to ensure safety for residents and reduce the risk of COVID-19 entering and spreading in homes, effective December 30, 2021 at 12:01am:

- Access to long-term care homes by general visitors will be paused, including for outdoor visits. General visitors will continue to be permitted to enter the home to visit residents receiving end of life care.
- Day absences for all residents for social purposes will be paused. All essential, medical or compassionate absences will continue to be permitted.

Designated caregivers continue to be able to come into homes with a maximum of two per resident at a time. We recognize the impact these temporary measures have on residents, their families, and homes. The Ministry and the CMOH will continue to review policies and monitor all available evidence. At this time, it is anticipated that these additional enhanced temporary measures will be required for at least the next 6 to 8 weeks.

Rainycrest continues to have a respiratory outbreak, meaning it will be following the one caregiver per Resident permitted to visit at a time in the Resident's room, as stated in the December 27, 2021 release.

We thank you for your continued support and commitment to protecting the health and safety of those in our care, their loved ones, our team members and the community.

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