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Dear Residents, Families and Staff,

As we continue following the Roadmap to Reopen Ontario and the transition into Step 3 of that plan tomorrow, we are pleased to provide the below Long-Term Care updates, **effective July 16, 2021**.

With these changes, we have been provided updated documentation, including Directive #3, COVID-19 Guidance Document for Long-Term Care Homes in Ontario, FAQs and Long-Term Care Visitor, Absences & Social Gatherings Snapshot.

Here is an overview of the updates:

- Definition of 'Fully Immunized'
- **Fully immunized** – received full series of COVID-19 vaccine or combination of COVID-19 vaccines approved by Health Canada (eg. both doses of a two-dose vaccine series, or one dose of a single-dose vaccine series); and received their final dose of the COVID-19 vaccine at least 14 days ago. Currently, the required number of doses for the Pfizer, Moderna, and AstraZeneca vaccines to complete the vaccine series is two.
- Homes are permitted to set own maximums for visitors based on operational capabilities
- LTC's are no longer required to adhere to 'immunization coverage rate threshold' guidelines (meaning the percentage of fully vaccinated staff and residents within home)
- Absences are permitted for all residents, regardless of vaccination status and Off-site excursion can resume
- Buffet and family style meals are now permitted
- Singing and dancing programs can return
- People who are fully immunized and entering LTC's, are no longer required to participate in Surveillance testing
- Adjustments to eye protection requirements for staff and essential caregivers providing care within 6ft of resident in isolation (Droplet/Contact Precaution) and/or outbreak, otherwise, eye protection will be based on Point of Care Risk Assessment

Anyone entering home (eg. Staff, Essential Caregivers or Visitors) who is not fully vaccinated is still required to maintain physical distance, participate in surveillance testing, and is not permitted to join resident for meals or activities in the home.

To direct visitors correctly, please remember to bring proof of your COVID-19 immunization status to show to the screener upon entry. Otherwise, you will be considered non-immunized and will require surveillance testing and eye protection.

If WHCC/BWRH goes into outbreak, as declared by Huron Perth Public Health, or your resident is in isolation, visits, programs, LOA's, etc. will be suspended. Essential Caregivers and End-of-Life visitors are exempt.

We will be removing the drop-box at our main entrance on July 16, 2021. Please leave items for your resident at screening desk if you are not staying for a visit. **Ensure items are labelled with your resident's name**, so they are delivered to the correct person.

A full list of current guidelines are listed in the chart below. Should you have any questions, please contact whcc.info@westhuroncarecentre.com or 519-236-4373 ext. 622.

We ask that you share this information with other family and friends of your resident. We thank you for your continued commitment and support as we have navigated the changes of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sincerely,

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Ontario Roadmap to Reopen - Step 3 Changes for Long-Term Care				
Effective July 16, 2021		GV = General Visitors EC = Essential Caregivers		
Screening	Surveillance Testing	General Visitors	Essential Caregivers	Palliative/End-of-Life Visitors
<p>Anyone screening in will be provided a surgical mask. Showing proof of COVID-19 immunization status is required with each entry (Ministry and Health Inspectors are exempt).</p> <p>Residents will participate in active screening, including temperatures once per day.</p> <p>Children 2 years and younger are not required complete surveillance testing or wear a mask but must pass active screening.</p> <p>Children 3 - 14 who are not fully immunized must pass active screening, complete surveillance testing, wear a mask and eye protection.</p> <p>If any staff, GV or EC fails active screening, they will not be permitted entry into WHCC/BWRH. Staff are required to have PCR COVID-19 test completed outside, before leaving. When leave, advise them to self-isolate and encourage GV and EC's to be tested at local testing site.</p> <p>Emergency First Responders are not required to be screened or tested.</p>	<p>Those who are fully immunized are not required to participate in surveillance testing. If you fail to produce proof of immunization status, you will be required to be tested upon entry.</p> <p>Children 2 years and younger are not required complete surveillance testing or wear a mask but must pass active screening.</p> <p>Children 3 - 14 who are not fully immunized must pass active screening, complete surveillance testing, wear a mask and eye protection.</p> <p>Partially and Non-immunized staff, EC's, students, volunteers, and support workers are required to complete surveillance testing *1 shift/visit in 7 days = one test, 2 shifts/visits in 7 days = test required, but not on back-to-back days. *If shift/visit is 2 consecutive days in 7 days period, then only 1 test required. WHCC's 7 days is Sunday to Saturday</p>	<p>Homes are now permitted to set their own maximum for visitors based on operational capabilities. Daily indoor visiting hours: 9:00-11:00am, 1:30-4:00pm and 6:30-8:30pm. Pre-booking is not required.</p> <p>Daily outdoor visiting hours: 9:30-10:15am, 10:30-11:15am, 1:15-2:00pm and 2:15-3:00pm and are required to be booked through the screening desk by 7:00am the day of the visit. Please call 519-236-4373 ext. 640 to book. Outdoor visitors must wear a mask and maintain physical distance during visit. Outdoor visitor(s) are not permitted to bring or share food/drink with residents, due to physical distancing requirements.</p> <p>General Indoor Visitors are permitted to take residents outside on WHCC/BWRH property during visit.</p> <p>General visitors younger than 14 years of age, must be accompanied by an adult.</p> <p>Children 2 years and younger are not required complete</p>	<p>There is no limit to the number of designated EC's per resident.</p> <p>Essential Caregivers are permitted to take residents outside on WHCC/BWRH property during visit.</p> <p>Essential Caregivers who are fully immunized are permitted to bring in food/drink and share with resident during visit. You eat in resident room, courtyard, or Wallace Hallway. Please ensure you remain masked when not eating or drinking.</p> <p>See surveillance testing column for requirements.</p>	<p>Screened upon entry. If fail screening, they will be permitted entry, but must wear full PPE (eye protection, gown, mask, gloves) due to the Point of Care Risk Assessment.</p> <p>If EOL visitors is not fully immunized, they can choose to complete Rapid Test and with negative result, enter home wearing mask and goggles.</p> <p>If EOL visitors does not provide proof of immunization status and does not wish to be tested, then they will be permitted into home wearing full PPE.</p>

Screening	Surveillance Testing	General Visitors	Essential Caregivers	Palliative/End-of-Life Visitors
		<p>surveillance testing or wear a mask but must pass active screening. Children 3 - 14 who are not fully immunized must pass active screening, complete surveillance testing, wear a mask and eye protection.</p> <p>General Visitors who are fully immunized are permitted to bring in food/drink and share with resident during visit.</p> <p>A total of 40 General Visitors are permitted in at WHCC/BWRH at one time.</p> <p>See surveillance testing column for requirements.</p>		

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)	Resident Testing & Isolation	Programs & Activities	Dining	Outbreak
<p>Based on Occupational Health & Safety and Point of Care Risk Assessment, staff who are partially or non-immunized are required to wear eye protection when providing direct care or within 6ft of a resident, employee or visitor.</p> <p>General Visitors, Essential Caregivers and Essential Visitors (eg. Contractors, End-of-Life visitors, Paid Support Workers) who are partially or non-immunized must wear eye protection when within 6ft of residents and/or employees, which is based Point of Care Risk Assessment.</p>	<p>Residents who are admitted to hospital and/or are gone for one or more nights, will be required to complete a PCR COVID-19 test and isolate until negative result is obtained.</p> <p>Admissions or Transfers: If a resident is partially or non-immunized, they are required to isolate for 10 days and have a PCR COVID-19 test completed on day 8. If a resident is fully immunized and has received a negative COVID-19 test, is not required to isolate.</p>	<p>Organized events and social gatherings are permitted. We will encourage cohorting where possible, encourage masking where tolerated, allow for physical distancing where necessary, clean and disinfect high touch areas before and after and encourage hand hygiene.</p> <p>Karaoke, singing, and dancing are permitted.</p> <p>Personal care services such as hairdressing and barber shop are permitted. Residents are encouraged to wear a mask where tolerable and practice hand hygiene.</p>	<p>Communal dining permitted. Residents encouraged to wear a mask when not eating or drinking where tolerated, consistent seating arrangements.</p> <p>Buffet and family style meals are permitted.</p> <p>Fully immunized visitors may accompany a resident for a meal. If joining resident for a meal, the Family Dining Room needs to be booked at minimum 2 hours prior, by calling the Kitchen at 519-236-4373 ext. 625. Bookings are on a first come first serve basis. There is a maximum of 6 people, including resident(s).</p>	<p>Suspect outbreak – one single lab confirmed COVID-19 case in a resident.</p> <p>Confirmed outbreak – two or more lab confirmed COVID-19 cases in residents and/or staff (or other visitors) in a home with epidemiological link, within 14-day period, where at least one case could have reasonably acquired their infection in the home.</p> <p>Only HPPH can declare an Outbreak and declare when it is over. It is not WHCC/BWRH's responsibility to determine</p>

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		<p>Only fully immunized GV's and EC's can join in programs and activities with residents.</p>	<p>If you are supporting a resident during a meal, it will take place in residents' room to allow for physical distancing to be maintained in dining room.</p> <p>Only fully immunized GV/EC can bring in take-out meal to share with resident. You are responsible for all meal support, utensils, etc., in addition to set-up and clean-up. You are welcome to enjoy this meal in the resident's room, courtyard, or Wallace Hall (unless active programming taking place).</p>	<p>whether cases have epidemiological link.</p>

Absences	Pet Visits & Pet Therapy
<p>All residents, regardless of immunization status, are permitted to take Leave of Absences (LOA) (eg. medical, compassionate/ palliative, short term - essential, short term - social (day) or temporary (2+ days/one night more more), if resident is not in isolation, area of outbreak or otherwise directed by HPPH. The person taking the resident on LOA is not required to actively screen prior to leaving. WHCC/BWRH is not responsible for transferring residents to/from vehicle. For all types of Absences, we will provide medical masks to residents (as tolerated) and remind them to follow public health measures, such as physical distancing and hand hygiene.</p> <p>Short-Term Absence Less than or equal to 24 hours. Essential or social reason. Approval is not required.</p> <p>Screening upon return is required. If resident fails screening, they will be put into isolation and will have a PCR COVID-19 test. Otherwise, testing & isolation is not required upon return.</p> <p>Temporary Absence 2 days/1 night + and Non-medical.</p> <p>Minimum of 24hrs noticed required for pre-approval. Please contact RN to schedule by calling 519-236-4373 ext. 626</p>	<p>All pets coming into WHCC/BWRH for visits or pet therapy are required to provide updated records.</p> <p>Owners are required to provide all information for the "Pet Visit & Pet Therapy Checklist", which will be kept with a copy of the pet vaccination/immunization records in the Outreach & Programs Manager office.</p> <p>Once records are submitted by owner and the checklist is complete, pets can enter WHCC/BWRH, wearing the designated 'scarf'.</p> <p>Should you have any questions, please contact Chelsey Passmore, Outreach & Program Manager at c.passmore@westhuroncarecentre.com or 519-23-4373 ext. 631.</p>

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<p>COVID-19 test is required upon return and resident will be in isolation until negative results are confirmed (Note: residents may not necessarily isolate in their rooms, so residents need to be prepared to have limited access to all personal belongings during isolation.)</p> <p>Screening upon return is required. Testing & isolation is required upon return.</p> <p>Medical Absence Seek medical and/or healthcare and include outpatient single medical visit to emergency room, medical office, etc. (less than or equal to 24hours).</p> <p>Please try to provide a minimum of 24hrs noticed to the RN by calling 519-236-4373 ext. 626.</p> <p>Screening upon return is required. If resident fails screening, they will be put into isolation and will have a PCR COVID-19 test. Otherwise, testing & isolation is not required upon return unless admitted for 1 or more nights to hospital.</p> <p>Compassionate Absence Including, but not limited to, absences for purpose of visiting dying loved one.</p> <p>Screening upon return is required. If resident fails screening, they will be put into isolation and will be required to have a PCR COVID-19 test. Otherwise, testing & isolation is not required upon return unless absent for 1 or more nights.</p> <p>Off-Site Excursions Residents permitted to participate in off-site excursions/tours, regardless of immunization status. (eg. local attraction, music/theatre venue).</p> <p>Screening upon return is required. If resident fails screening, they will be put into isolation and will have a PCR COVID-19 test. Otherwise, testing & isolation is not required upon return.</p>	