

Long-Term Care Visitor, Absences & Social Gatherings Snapshot
Effective July 16th, 2021

Red denotes changes since July 9th update

REQUIREMENTS	FULLY IMMUNIZED	PARTIAL/ UNIMMUNIZED	OUTBREAK/ RESIDENT IN ISOLATION
VISITORS <i>Masks required at all times</i> <i>No sector specific limitations on number of caregivers and visitors.</i>	ESSENTIAL – CAREGIVER May have physical contact, including for non-care related reasons with fully immunized resident. May support in dining room, join in activity <i>Surveillance testing is not required</i>	Physical distancing 2m required when not providing direct care, however brief physical contact (hugs) are permitted Unable to join in dining room/ activities Participate in surveillance testing for indoor visits	May support in resident's room / isolation room (1 per visit) <i>Must wear eye protection when providing direct care</i>
	NON-ESSENTIAL GENERAL VISITOR Close contact with fully immunized resident allowed. No eye protection required <i>Surveillance testing is not required</i> Personal care services (e.g. haircutting) may resume	Physical distancing 2m required however brief physical contact (hugs) are permitted Participate in surveillance testing for indoor visits	Not permitted unless resident in area unaffected by outbreak
REQUIREMENTS*	<i>All Residents</i>		OUTBREAK/ ISOLATION
ABSENCES <i>Medical mask required, follow PAC, active screening on return</i> <i>Overnight absences require following Testing and Isolation requirements as set out in Directive 3</i>	MEDICAL/ COMPASSIONATE/ PALLIATIVE Permitted		
	SHORT TERM – ESSENTIAL & SOCIAL (<24 hrs) Permitted		Not permitted
	TEMPORARY (2+days/ overnight) Prior approval from home required; request does not have to be in writing Permitted		Not permitted
	OFF-SITE GROUP EXCURSIONS Permitted		Not Permitted
SOCIAL GATHERINGS <i>Residents wear face coverings if tolerated, IPAC adherence, cleaning prior/ after</i>	ORGANIZED EVENTS/ SOCIAL GATHERINGS Physical distancing can be relaxed; limited capacity in a room Cohorting can be relaxed when resident activities are outside Enhanced precautions required Maintain same activity groups as much as possible <i>Singing, dancing, etc. may resume</i>		Individual/ door to door programming only for area(s) in outbreak and isolated residents (caregiver permitted)
COMMUNAL DINING	COMMUNAL DINING Consistent seating of residents at same table – physical distancing can be relaxed. 2m distancing between diners at different tables as much as possible <i>Buffet and family style dining may resume</i> <i>Fully immunized staff and visitors may accompany fully immunized residents for meals</i>		In-suite dining

Requirements are no longer contingent on immunization coverage rates. Absences are for all residents regardless of immunization status.

The document is meant to be used as snapshot of the visitor, absences and social activities section of the Long-Term Care Guidance Document and Directive 3. Readers should refer to [Directive 3 and the Long Term Care Guidance Document](#) for full details of the policies and requirements including exceptions.