

MEMO

To: All Families

From: Sherry Carnevale

Subject: Ministry Direction MCCSS – Visitors – December 22, 2021

We have now received a new direction from the Ministry on requirements for visitors. In addition, we have taken into consideration the active cases in our region, and as a result, the following actions will be taken:

- ✓ Any visitor entering the home, (regardless of vaccination status), is required to take a rapid antigen test prior to visiting within the residential home. If you are planning this type of visit, please arrange with the program manager prior to Friday at 3 pm, to pick up a rapid antigen test that you can complete prior to coming (of course you can choose to attend a pharmacy to have completed, however, there is a \$40.00 fee at your expense). When you arrive, you will be required to show the test result (a photo is fine).
- ✓ For people supported, (regardless of vaccination status), who will be going home for overnight visits, a rapid antigen test will be completed upon return and again on day 3 and/or 7, as long as the person is able to cooperate with the test. (Please note a rapid antigen test is not as intrusive as the actual PCR test). If the person is not willing to cooperate with the test, then staff will assist person to practice physical distancing, and to wear a mask when in common areas (if tolerated).
- ✓ For offsite day visits, (regardless of vaccination status), if person will cooperate, a rapid antigen test will be conducted the next day.
- ✓ Outside passport workers will be put on hold effective Dec 23 and will be revisited on January 3. Further information will be provided at that time.

Please keep in mind that directions can change without notice and we ask that you continue to respect any direction that may be provided to you by staff when visiting or picking up your loved one.



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