

To: ALL CLNB Members and Families
From: Sherry Carnevale
Subject: 2022 Restrictions Update #3

As a follow up to our update of February 7th we want to communicate our current plans for visiting our homes.

Unfortunately we are not in a position to feel comfortable to open our programs to visitors yet. While we understand that families are anxious to reconnect we are urging all to continue to be patient. We are still experiencing severe staffing shortages with the amount of positive cases we are experiencing. Although the Ministry has lifted the visiting restrictions they have not changed the guidance we must follow when a breakout occurs. We still must follow these guidelines.

Once a staff has contact with a positive case in their own household they are automatically out of the group home for 10 days. If someone in the group home tests positive everyone must be tested continuously to ensure that they are able to continue working. As you can imagine the staff who do not test positive are working endlessly to ensure that we have adequate staffing at all times.

While I can appreciate how anxious you are we want to ensure that we are able to keep your family member adequately staffed during an outbreak. We want to assist both families and residents to reach that balance. In preparation for arranging visits we want to share with you the guidance that will be required to be followed for a visit. We will have everything in place for visits by Thursday of this week.

I urge you to reach out to the program manager to discuss ways to connect with your family member that will help you and them to get through this once again.

We will keep you posted as the guidelines change for congregate care.

Sherry



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FAMILY VISITOR AGREEMENT / SCREENING (revised Feb 2022)

Visitor Name:

Date:

Time:

RAT (Rapid Antigen Test) Result:

1. Are you, or anyone in your household, currently experiencing any of these symptoms (or have within the last 48 hours)?
 - Fever and/or chills (Temperature of 37.8 degrees Celsius/100 degrees Fahrenheit or higher)
 - Cough or barking cough (croup). (Continuous, more than usual, making a whistle noise when breathing - not related to asthma, post-infectious reactive airways, COPD or other known causes or conditions you already have).
 - Shortness of breath (Out of breath, unable to breathe deeply – not related to asthma or other known causes or conditions you already have)
 - Decrease or loss of taste or smell (Not related to seasonal allergies, neurological disorders, or other known causes or conditions you already have.
 - **Any two of the following: scratchy or sore throat; runny or stuffy nose; headache; gastrointestinal (vomiting or diarrhea); muscle aches / joint pain; extreme fatigue**
2. Have you or someone you live with, tested positive for COVID-19 either through a PCR lab test or Rapid Antigen test in the last 10 days?
3. In the last 10 days has a doctor, health care provider, or public health unit told you that you should be isolating or staying at home?
4. In the last 48 hours, have you, or someone you live with been identified as a close contact of someone who currently has COVID-19 **OR** have you, or someone you live with have had close contact with someone who is experiencing symptoms and/or waiting for test results?
5. In the last 10 days, have you, or someone you live with, travelled outside of Canada. If yes, and person had a PCR test completed upon entering Canada and the result was negative, Respond NO.

If person says YES to any one question, and / or not in agreement with the guidelines, the visit will need to be rescheduled.

General guidelines for visit include:

- ✓ Attesting to have completed a negative rapid antigen test on the day of the visit.
- ✓ Wear eye protection (goggles or face shield) if providing direct care within two meters of a person who is not wearing a mask.
- ✓ Wear a medical mask (covering nose and mouth at all times) when indoors (regardless if all parties are fully vaccinated)
- ✓ Regardless of vaccination status, visitors may choose not to mask when visiting outdoors if physical distancing can be maintained. *Medical mask to be worn if distancing cannot be maintained.
- ✓ Remain in dedicated indoor / outdoor visitation area.

I confirm the responses I have given are accurate. I am aware that if I develop any symptom(s) as listed above during my visit, that I will notify a staff member immediately. I am aware that if I become covid+ or develop symptoms of covid within 48 hours of my visit, that I will notify the program manager for purpose of contact tracing. I am aware that failing to comply with the guidelines will result in ending the visit and rescheduling for another time.

Visitor Signature: _____

Screening conducted by: (staff member) _____

For Off-Site visits, (for purpose of contact tracing), upon return, visitor must provide details of visit (staff member will document below).

Place(s)	Number of people present during visit (include initials of person).

- Rapid Antigen Tests, medical masks and eye protection (ie face shields) will be provided by the program.
- At the conclusion of the visit within the site, visitors should:
 - Perform hand hygiene
 - Remove the surgical/procedure mask by removing the loops from the ears (avoid touching the front of the mask)
 - Remove the face shield by grasping the elastic band at the back and avoid touching front of shield.
 - Discard both into garbage and perform hand hygiene.