



Odd Fellow and Rebekah Home Visiting Summary

We have designated visiting areas, both indoor and outdoor for you and your family member for safe visiting. Please book your visit by emailing recreation@ioof.com

- Visits will be allotted in 30 minute increments, once per week, to allow all Residents to have an opportunity for a visit
- The visiting area will be cleaned and disinfected between every visit
- Please arrive 10 minutes before your scheduled visit to complete screening
- We ask you to not arrive too early so you are not crossing paths with other visitors, you can wait in your car until 10 min before your appointment
- Visitors are to ensure physical distancing (2m/6') with others on the site

We ask you please follow the guidelines below to ensure a safe visit that includes:

1. Please bring with you and wear a mask as directed.
 - a. For indoor visitors, you will be provided with a surgical/procedural mask
2. Go to the designated location of your visiting appointment where you will be screened
3. You will undergo active screening that includes having your temperature taken. As well, for indoor visits, you will need to verbally attest to having a negative covid-19 test taken in the last 2 weeks and know the date of your test. A visual copy of the test result is preferred.
4. In order to comply with Provincial Directives, currently no more than 2 Visitors will be allowed to visit with the Resident at one time. Each visit will be supported by a member of staff.
5. Do not bring pets or any outside coffee or food for the Resident.
 - a. Any items that you would like to leave for your family member should be left at the front entrance receiving table clearly marked as per current process.
6. We know it will be extremely hard not to want to embrace physically with your family member. Please ensure that you are following physical distancing guidelines. Failure to do so will result in your family member being in isolation for 14 days and a Covid-19 test completed
7. Planned physical touch is permitted but not encouraged. For both indoor and outdoor visits the visitor must have a current covid-19 negative test and both the visitor and resident must wear a surgical procedural mask.
8. Children under 14 are permitted with adult accompaniment and would constitute the second visitor.

Failure to comply with these and any directions given by staff will result in visiting privileges being suspended.

The updated Essential Visitor and Caregiver policy takes effect Sept 9, 2020 and outlines that:

- Each resident and/or their substitute decision maker may designate a maximum of two caregivers to provide direct care.
- Caregivers can visit, without time limits.
- If a home is not in outbreak, and the resident is not self-isolating or symptomatic, caregivers can visit together. If a home is in outbreak, or the resident is self-isolating or symptomatic, they must visit one at a time to limit risk of transmission and follow direction from the local public health unit.

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- Examples of caregivers include family members who provide direct care, privately hired caregivers, paid companions or translators over 18 years of age.
- Essential visitors/Caregivers must wear surgical/procedure masks and are also required to wear additional personal protective equipment for interactions with residents who are self-isolating, suspected or confirmed to have COVID-19.

Essential Caregiver Visitors should consider their personal health and susceptibility to the virus in determining whether visiting a long-term care home is appropriate.

A caregiver is a type of essential visitor who is designated by the resident and/or their substitute decision-maker and is visiting to provide direct care to the resident (e.g., supporting feeding, mobility, personal hygiene, cognitive stimulation, communication, meaningful connection, relational continuity and assistance in decision-making).

Changes to Directive #3 for Long Term Care, effective August 28, 2020 now permit Short Stay Absences and Temporary Absences.

- **Short stay absences** are for health care-related, social or other reasons and do not include an overnight stay, with the exception of single-night emergency room visits.
- **Temporary absences** are for personal reasons and for one or more nights. Homes must review and approve all temporary absences based on a case-by-case risk assessment as outlined in Directive #3.

Please note that Resident's overall wellbeing and current local community risk as well as the applicable travel location community risk must be taken into consideration when determining the appropriateness of a short stay or temporary absence. Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health, Dr. David Williams states that for the foreseeable future to the fullest extent possible we should limit the number of essential trips we make. Given the greater risk of severe outcomes to Ontarians who are elderly, he is also recommending strongly that individuals over 70 years of age self-isolate. This means only leaving home and seeing others for essential reasons.

Please contact the Resident Care Management Team to discuss process for caregiver designation and absence options nursingmanagement@ioof.com

More information is available on our website at www.ioof.com follow the Covid-19 tab.

For current visiting options please read the
General Visiting Guidelines for the Odd Fellow & Rebekah Home
Essential Visitor and Caregiver Guidelines for the Odd Fellow & Rebekah Home
Short Stay and Temporary Absence Guidelines for the Odd Fellow & Rebekah Home