



Essential Visitor and Caregiver Designation Form

During the COVID-19 Pandemic (Updated April 11, 2022)

Date: _____

Resident Name: _____

If Applicable,
Substitute Decision Maker/Power of Attorney Name: _____

Designated Caregiver #1

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Relationship to Resident: _____

Designated Caregiver #2

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Relationship to Resident: _____

Examples of caregivers include family members who provide direct care, privately hired caregivers, paid companions or translators.

Essential Visitor Definitions As per the definition under Directive #3 Essential visitors are defined as a caregiver, support worker, a person visiting a very ill Resident, or a government inspector with a statutory right of entry. This includes a person performing essential support services (e.g., food delivery, inspector, maintenance, or health care services (e.g., phlebotomy)

For clarity the new Ministry of Long-Term Care Guidelines, specify that in addition to the Directive #3 requirement above, essential visitors include support workers and caregivers as defined in this policy. However, an essential visitor does not need to be a support worker or caregiver, as long as they meet the definition under Directive #3.

Caregiver definition under the LTC Act effective April 11, 2022

A Caregiver is an individual who,

- a) Is a family member or friend of a Resident or a person of importance to a Resident,
- b) is able to comply with all applicable laws including any applicable directives, orders, guidance, advice or recommendations issued by the Chief Medical Officer of Health or a medical officer of health appointed under the Health Protection and Promotion Act,
- c) provides one or more forms of support or assistance to meet the needs of the Resident, including providing direct physical support such as activities of daily living or providing social, spiritual or emotional support, whether on a paid or unpaid basis,

- d) Is designated by the Resident or the Resident's substitute decision-maker with authority to give that designation, if any, and
- e) In the case of an individual under 16 years of age, has the approval from a parent or legal guardian to be designated as a caregiver.

Caregivers

Caregivers must pass an active screening questionnaire administered by the Home's staff and participate in the Home's surveillance Covid-19 Rapid Antigen testing each day they visit the Home. Effective July 7, 2021 there is no maximum number of caregivers that may be designated per resident.2.

For Public Health tracing requirements you will sign in with contact information and confirm the date of your last test and results. Please have this information available at the time of screening.

Caregivers must verbally attest to the home that, in the last 14 days, they have not visited another:

Resident who is self-isolating or symptomatic; and/or at a Home that is in an outbreak.

Prior to visiting any resident for the first time after this policy is released, the home will provide training to caregivers that addresses how to safely provide direct care, including putting on and taking off required PPE, and hand hygiene.

All essential visitors and caregivers must attest to reading these guidelines as well as reviewing the following materials (Public Health Ontario PDF and YouTube Links) before the next visit.

Prior to visiting any resident for the first time after this policy is released, and at least once every month thereafter, general visitors must verbally attest to the home that they have read/re-read the home's visitor policy. Available on our Website at www.ioof.com and in hard copy from the front administration office.

<https://www.publichealthontario.ca/-/media/documents/ncov/ipac/ppe-recommended-steps>

<https://www.publichealthontario.ca/en/videos/ipac-fullppe-on>

<https://www.publichealthontario.ca/en/videos/ipac-fullppe-off>

<https://www.publichealthontario.ca/en/videos/ipac-handwash>

PPE for Essential Visitors and Caregivers

The Home will provide all necessary PPE including surgical/procedure masks and where applicable, gloves, gowns and eye protection (i.e, face shield or goggles) for essential visitors as required in Directive #3. **Caregiver Visits Length and Frequency of Visits** So long as Caregivers meet the requirements of the Essential Visitor and Caregiver Guidelines, Essential Visitor and Caregiver visits do not require scheduling or have restrictions in the length or frequency, of visits by caregivers.

In signing the below you attest that the above has been reviewed and the Essential Visitor and/or the Designated Caregiver meets the criteria to visit.

RC Management/NP Name:_____ Signature_____ Date:_____

Resident Name Name:_____ Signature_____ Date:_____

SDM/POA Name:_____ Signature_____ Date:_____