



Essential Visitor and Caregiver Designation Form During the COVID-19 Pandemic (Effective July 7, 2021)

Date: _____

Resident Name: _____

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

Designated Caregiver

Designated Caregiver

Name: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Phone #: _____

Relationship to Resident: _____

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Examples of caregivers include family members who provide direct care, privately hired caregivers, paid companions or translators. Caregivers must be over 18 years of age.

Essential Visitor Definitions

Under Directive #3, essential visitors are defined as including a person performing essential support services (e.g., food delivery, inspector, maintenance, or health care services (e.g., phlebotomy)) or a person visiting a very ill or palliative resident.

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.

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).

Effective July 7, 2021 there is no maximum number of caregivers that may be designated per resident.

However only a maximum of two (2) Designated Essential Caregivers at a time can visit indoors and provide care and support to a Resident.

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 at a frequency determined by the directives up to three (3) times per week.

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.

COVID 19 Vaccine: Essential Caregivers have been prioritized to receive the Covid 19 Vaccine. Please submit the Covid 19 Vaccine Verifiaction Form along with your proof of vaccination.

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:_____