



## Odd Fellow and Rebekah Home General Visiting Summary

We have designated visiting areas, both indoor and outdoor for you, your family member or friend for safe visiting.

Please book your visit in advance by emailing [recreation@ioof.com](mailto:recreation@ioof.com) to make a visiting appointment. No drop in or same day visits are permitted.

- 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 10-20 minutes before your scheduled visit to complete screening and testing where applicable for indoor visits
- We ask you to not arrive too early so you are not crossing paths with other visitors, you can wait in your car until 10-20 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 and eye protection
2. Go to the front entrance of the home where you will be screened
3. You will undergo active screening. As well, for indoor visits, you will need to participate in the onsite Rapid Antigen Covid-19 testing at a frequency determined by the directives. The test is valid for 2 days.
4. In order to comply with Provincial Directives, currently no more than **2 General Visitors** will be allowed to visit with the Resident **at one time indoors**. **Outdoors** limit is **10 General Visitors**.
5. Each visit will be supported by a member of staff.
6. Do not bring pets or any outside coffee or food for the Resident.
  - a. Any items that you would like to leave for the Resident should be left at the front entrance receiving table clearly marked.
7. **Close physical** contact is **ONLY permitted** when both the visitor and resident are **fully immunized** and full masking is maintained during the entire visit.
8. **Physical Distancing must be maintained for non-immunized or partially immunized individuals.**
9. 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 your visiting privileges being suspended.

## General Visitors

A maximum of **two (2)** general visitors per resident may visit indoors at a time and a maximum of **ten (10)** general visitors may visit outdoors, subject to direction from the local public health unit, provided:

- The resident is not self-isolating or symptomatic; and,
- The home is not in an outbreak; and,
- The home is located in an area that has **not** been identified as having higher community spread

No general visitors are permitted to visit in any of the following situations:

- The home has an outbreak.
- The home is located in an area that **has** been identified as having higher community spread
- The resident is self-isolating or symptomatic.

General visitors younger than 14 years of age must be accompanied by an adult and must follow all applicable public health measures that are in place at the home (e.g. active screening, physical distancing, hand hygiene, masking for source control).

All visitors are subject to active screening at the front entrance of the Home.

Masks are mandatory for the entire time of both indoor and outdoor visits including onsite walks around the property.

For indoor visits masks and eye protection will be provided by the home.

Close contact is permitted between fully immunized Residents and fully immunized visitors.

There will be no passing of food or drink during the visit. Items for the Resident shall be left on the receiving table

**The updated Essential Visitor and Caregiver policy takes effect July 7, 2021 and outlines that:**

- Each resident and/or their substitute decision maker may designate as many caregivers as needed to provide direct care. The limit has been removed.
- 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 up to **two (2)** at a time. If a home is in outbreak, or the resident is self-isolating or symptomatic, they must visit **one (1)** at a time to limit risk of transmission and follow direction from the local public health unit.

## Quick Facts

- 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, 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, 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](mailto:nursingmanagement@ioof.com)

More information is available on our website at [www.ioof.com](http://www.ioof.com) follow the Covid-19 tab.

For current detailed 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