



Grandview Lodge

Comfort. Compassion. Care.

COVID-19 Update – April 9, 2021

Dear Residents, Families and Visitors,

Effective April 8 2021, Ontario entered a province wide stay-at-home order.

What does this mean for GVL?

Cohorts

Residents will continue to be permitted to exit their home areas and access the common spaces within the home. Social distancing is required and reminders will be provided by staff and volunteers while our residents are out and about within the home. Visitors may visit with their resident in the resident's room or in the common areas of the home. We respectfully request that visitors avoid visiting in the common spaces on the home area in an effort to keep socially distanced from other residents sharing the home area with your loved one.

As the weather warms, please take the opportunity to visit our Centennial Gardens. At this time, we are reserving the home area gardens for independent use by residents and staff facilitated programs only.

Mandatory Screening at Long Term Care Homes and Seniors Services Facilities

All Long-Term Care staff, students, volunteers and visitors continue to be "actively" screened for COVID-19 by a dedicated person in each location. This involves questions regarding symptoms associated with COVID-19 as well as taking the individual's temperature. **ANYONE that fails any part of the screening process will be asked to leave work or the home and to contact public health.**

Vaccinations

Grandview Lodge Residents have received first and second doses of the vaccine. All new admissions are offered the vaccine and we continue to vaccinate those who have consented.

Essential caregivers and many staff who have received their initial dose at the Haldimand Norfolk Health Unit clinics offered at Grandview Lodge continue to be on hold for the administration of the second dose.

New direction from the Province has resulted in a change to the COVID-19 vaccination schedule. Starting immediately, the period between the first and second doses of COVID-19 vaccine will be extended. This is pursuant to the National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) recommendation [found online here](#) and the Government of Ontario's directive [online here](#). Those who will have the date for their second dose changed will be contacted by the Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit, however this process will take time. If you are scheduled for a second dose, **please do not contact the Health Unit about your appointment**. You will be contacted about scheduling a new vaccination date.

The COVID-19 vaccine rollout in Ontario is being led by the Province. Learn more about Ontario's COVID-19 [vaccination plan here](#).

Visiting and Testing

Requirements for COVID testing and Visitor Restrictions remain based on the provincial framework and the designation/colour zone assigned to our community which is directly related to the prevalence of COVID-19 within our public health district. Effective today, Ontario is in the Grey Zone.

COVID-19 RAPID TESTING Staff and Visitors to the LTC home are required to be tested at more frequent routine intervals. Visitors no longer need to schedule testing offsite and will be tested at the point of entry to the home and will only be permitted to enter after receiving a negative test result. This new process is time consuming but it allows us to confidently offer more opportunities for engagement with our residents, family and service providers.

**Please refer to the attached chart at the end of this notice for a concise explanation of visiting and testing requirements.*

Services

Although the stay-at-home order is in effect, GVL will continue to offer hairdressing and foot care services to the residents as well as volunteer services such as the Tuck Shop. The requirement of these service providers and volunteers to complete the rapid testing as well as their commitment to following infection prevention and control measures mitigates the risk of introduction and transmission of COVID-19 into our home and allows our residents a sense of normalcy during a year that has been anything but normal.

Please note that any resident or POA has the right to refuse or delay these services. Should you choose to do so, please advise the registered staff on your home area.

In Closing

Thank you for your continued support of our Home and your understanding, should you have any questions please contact a member of our **Management Team**. STAY SAFE and PLEASE STAY HOME if you are not feeling well. Even if you believe your symptoms are unrelated to COVID, please err on the side of caution and visit once your symptoms have resolved. WEAR A MASK at all times while visiting GVL and when you are out in public. WASH YOUR HANDS often. PHYSICALLY DISTANCE yourself – 6 feet apart – from others.

Jennifer Jacob
Administrator, Grandview Lodge

	GREEN ZONE PREVENT	YELLOW ZONE PROTECT	ORANGE ZONE RESTRICT	RED ZONE CONTROL	GREY ZONE
VISITING POLICY					
Essential Visitors: 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. Support workers and caregivers are types of essential visitors.	Essential visitors are permitted to visit, including a maximum of 2 caregivers per resident at a time. All visitors must wear a cloth mask a surgical/procedure mask for visits. All visitors must be screened prior to entry.		Essential visitors are permitted to visit, including a maximum of 1 caregiver per resident at a time. All visitors must wear a cloth mask a surgical/procedure mask for visits. All visitors must be screened prior to entry.		
General Visitors: A person who is not an essential visitor and is visiting to provide non-essential services, or for social reasons.	General visitors a maximum of 2 visitors are permitted to visit a resident at a time.		General visitors are not permitted to visit		
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