



Grandview Lodge

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IMPORTANT MESSAGE: UPDATE TO DIRECTIVE #3

VISITOR GUIDELINES EFFECTIVE JULY 16th, 2021

To Grandview Lodge Residents, Staff, Families and Friends,

Consistent with the cautious easing of measures set out in the province's Roadmap to Reopen and responsive to the high immunization rates achieved to-date in the LTC sector, we are continuing with the gradual easing of restrictions at Grandview Lodge. In line with Step Three of the province's broader reopening plan these changes will take effect July 16th. Please see the changes listed below.

Effective July 16TH, 2021:

Surveillance Testing:

- Staff, visitors, students and volunteers who are **fully immunized**, and have provided the government issued immunization document, will **no longer be subject to surveillance testing** requirements when attending a long-term care home.
- Those who are **not fully immunized** or any individual who chooses not to disclose their vaccination status will be required to complete the minimum frequency of rapid antigen testing which is **one (1) time per week in Step 3.**

If you require a rapid test prior to visiting, please note the following times when testing is available.

Monday – Friday: 8:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Saturday – Sunday: 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Visiting:

Visitors

Homes may set their own maximums for visitors based on operational capabilities.

Grandview Lodge is not setting limits to the number of visitors or parameters for the duration of visits however, we do ask that visitors be respectful of other residents and limit larger group gatherings to common areas in the home, outdoor spaces or the resident's room.

- All visitors must complete the screening tool prior to entering the home.
- Unvaccinated visitors must maintain a physical distance of 2 metres away from others at all times – this includes their loved one, other residents, visitors, and staff.
- Fully immunized visitors may have close contact with their resident.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

- Universal Masking: All visitors must wear a medical mask for the entire duration of their visit, both indoors and outdoors, regardless of their immunization status. Medical masks will be provided by the home at the screening table. Children under 2 years of age are exempt from wearing a mask.
- Eye Protection: is only required when visiting a resident who is isolating for COVID-19 or COVID-19 symptoms or when visiting a home area that is in outbreak.
- Hand Hygiene: please sanitize your hands often, before and after entering a home area and resident's room, and remind your resident to do the same.

Communal Dining

- Fully immunized visitors may accompany a resident for meals including for the purposes of either having a meal themselves or to assist a resident with feeding. Meal tickets can be purchased from Lori Beale at the front desk.

While the directive does not mention snacks or beverages, Grandview Lodge will permit a visitor to share in a beverage or snack in the **resident's room only** providing:

- The visitor is fully immunized.
- The privacy curtain is closed to protect the other resident.
- The mask is replaced as soon as the beverage/snack is consumed.
- The mask is replaced whenever staff enter the room and remains in place until they leave.

Absences:

Short-Term and Temporary (overnight) Absences

All residents, regardless of immunization status, may go on short-term (essential and social) and temporary (overnight) absences unless the resident:

- Is in isolation on droplet and contact precautions.
- Resides in an area of the home that is in an outbreak.
- Is otherwise directed by the local public health unit. Residents do not need to seek approval to go on short-term absences however prior approval is required from the home for a temporary absence. Request for approval does not need to be in writing.

For all absences, residents must be:

- Provided with a medical mask when they are leaving the home.
- Reminded to practice public health measures such as physical distancing and hand hygiene when outside of the home.
- Actively screened upon their return to the home.

Short-Term Absence

Process

- ✓ Enter GVL through front doors.

- ✓ Sanitize hands & apply surgical mask.
- ✓ Sign resident out using the logbook at the nurses station.
- ✓ Exit the building for the day/designated timeframe and begin your visit ensuring full compliance with the use of a surgical mask, hand hygiene, physical distancing and current public health guidelines.
- ✓ All residents must be screened upon returning to the home.
- ✓ Upon return to the home the resident must be screened by the screener or registered staff on the unit, if the screener is not available.
- ✓ Any resident returning to GVL following an absence who fails active screening will be permitted entry and will be required to isolate in their room under Droplet and Contact Precautions and tested for COVID-19 as per the COVID-19: Provincial Testing Requirements, and until cleared by the Public Health Unit.

Temporary Absences

Process

- ✓ Temporary absences must be scheduled one (1) week in advance to ensure resident supplies, medications and arrangements are in place for duration of absence.
- ✓ Call Jelte Schaafsma, Director of Nursing to schedule and make arrangements for the temporary absence at 905-774-7547 x2234.
- ✓ Arrangements will be made at that time for the screening process, transfer of accountability, including supplies and medications, as well as information related to Infection Prevention and Control practices.

As with every revision to the directives during this ever evolving situation, any and all actions listed in this document are subject to change as directions change and as we reevaluate our procedures and look for improvements in our processes.

The best way to protect against transmission and infection is through vaccination. We strongly encourage **all visitors** to do their part in protecting our residents and schedule your vaccination appointment.

* Grandview Lodge may require visitors, who repeatedly refuse or are unable to follow IPAC guidelines for visiting LTC homes, to attend additional training sessions and/or may suspend visitation privileges.

If you have any questions regarding any of these new procedures please contact anyone from the leadership team.

Please take the time to thank the staff of GVL for living our values and supporting a resident centered approach to reopening. They are the ones who make it possible for our home to be liberal in our approach to re-opening while maintaining a safe environment for all. GVL PROUD!

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