

# CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) UPDATE

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## **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

### **Changes to Visit Requirements Update**

As per the new *Ministry of Children, Community & Social Services* directives, we will **no** longer be requiring visitors to wear a mask. Masks continue to be recommended but no longer required, to be worn indoors by visitors and caregivers when visiting settings that are not in an outbreak.

Passive screening for Covid-19 which reminds visitors of the need to self-screen for symptoms prior to visiting and to refrain from visits if experiencing Covid-19 symptoms continues to be required.

Additionally, there is **no** longer a restriction on the number of visitors at one time as long as the other precautions are adhered to.

### **Visiting with Families/Friends**

In order to facilitate visits with families and friends we have established the following expectations based on directives from the *Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services*. We trust you will understand these expectations have been put in place to ensure the ongoing health and safety of all.

**It is important to note that everyone is required to adhere to the following required expectations at all times. If this does not occur, the visit will be ended and may impact future visits until all restrictions have been lifted.**

**The following details outline Community Living Mississauga's family/friend visit requirements:**

- Any location where the visit was scheduled to take place must have no active Covid-19 cases.
- In order to ensure that no visits occur when someone is ill, a designated time for the visit must continue to be arranged with the support staff at the home.
- If a visit takes place outside of the person's supported home, the person supported must complete a passive screening for Covid-19 prior to returning home. If the person does not pass the active screening process upon his or her return, Community Living Mississauga will implement the procedures for a suspected, presumed or confirmed case of Covid-19.
- Hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette practices must be followed prior to and during the visit. Wash/sanitize hands regularly. Sneeze and cough into your sleeve. If you use a tissue, discard immediately and wash/sanitize your hands afterwards. Avoid high-touch areas, where possible, or ensure you clean your hands after.

- All families/friends should complete a passive screen prior to visits as per identified passive screening procedures below.

In the last 5 days have you experienced any of the following symptoms that are new, worsening, or not related to other known causes or conditions you already have?

- Do you have **one** of the following symptoms: fever/and or onset of cough or difficulty breathing?

**OR**

- Do you have **ANY** of the following symptoms: fever and or chills, fatigue, lethargy, malaise, headache, sore throat, runny nose, stuffy or congested nose, lost sense of taste or smell, hoarse voice, difficulty swallowing, digestive issues (nausea/vomiting, diarrhea, stomach pain), muscle aches, joint pain, conjunctivitis (pink eye), decreased or lack of appetite?
- Have you been in direct contact with anyone who has Covid-19 in the last 10 days?
- Have you tested positive for Covid-19 including on a Rapid Antigen test or PCR test in the last 10 days?
- Do you live with someone who is currently isolating because of Covid-19?
- Do you live with someone who is currently isolating because of Covid-19 symptoms?
- Do you live with someone who is isolating while waiting for Covid-19 results?
- Has a Doctor, Health Care Provider, or Public Health Unit told you that you should be isolating (staying at home)
- In the last 10 days (regardless of whether you are currently self-isolating or not) have you been identified as a “close contact” of someone (regardless of whether you live with them or not) who has tested positive for Covid-19 or have symptoms consistent with Covid-19? Note: If you have tested positive for Covid-19 (any testing method) within the last 90 days and have already completed your isolation period, select “NO”

- If any of the responses to these questions are **yes** the visit will be cancelled.

Additionally the following are also required:

- Have you received your full Covid-19 vaccinations?
- Do you have documentation to show proof of full vaccination?

If you respond **no** to these questions the visit will be cancelled.

Any non-adherence to these expectations will be the basis for the discontinuation of visits

We sincerely thank you for your patience and understanding and remain grateful for your ongoing support! Adhering to Public Health & Ministry of Children, Community & Social Services directives remains essential to maintaining and building-upon the success we have all worked so hard to achieve.

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