



Wednesday, March 3, 2021

Dear Residents, Families, Staff and Friends of Goderich Place:

As you're likely aware, Huron and Perth Counties have recently moved to the Yellow-Protect zone of the provincial COVID-19 response framework. While the Yellow zone means the community is moving in the right direction, the pandemic is far from over and Goderich Place will continue to implement strong protection measures to safeguard our community.

The following new measures are effective starting this Thursday, March 4th, under the Yellow zone:

- Each resident is now permitted up to 2 general visitors at a time between the hours of 8am and 6pm daily:
 - All visitors will be required to take a Panbio Rapid Antigen Test prior to their visit each week. This is a non-invasive test that will be performed by registered or trained staff. Testing will be done on non-symptomatic persons only;
 - Testing will take place at Goderich Place every Monday and Thursday from 9am – 5pm and all staff, care providers and visitors must be tested once a week;
 - Visitors will be screened at the front entrance for symptoms, to attest they have completed the required training videos, and to show proof of their negative Panbio Rapid Antigen Test result. Please note that visitors will be denied entry without proof of their negative test result;
 - All visitors must follow public health measures, including frequent hand washing, masking and physical distancing throughout the visit;
 - Contact tracing will continue.
- Residents are now permitted to leave the premises for short, temporary absences;
- Resident who leave the premises must be screened prior to leaving and when they return at the front entrance. Screeners will be at the front entrance from 8am – 6pm daily;
- Residents are discouraged from overnight stays at this time. Those residents who choose to stay overnight off-site will be required to isolate for 14 days upon their return to Goderich Place;
- Activities will resume with groups of ten in order to maintain physical distancing within our space;
- Residents will receive their garage keys.

Personal and public health measures such as physical distancing, wearing masks, staying home when ill – even with mild symptoms –and frequent handwashing and surface cleaning have significant benefits and are proven to limit COVID-19 transmission. We thank you in advance for your attention and adherence to all measures.

Please note that if you are eligible and wish to be on the list for vaccination, we ask that you please drop off a sealed envelope at Goderich Place containing the required information, including: your full name, date of birth, mailing address, phone number and email address. We will then add you to the Huron Perth Public Health vaccination list and provide you with a COVID-19 vaccine consent form and the link and phone number to book your appointment.

Those who are considered an eligible “Essential Caregiver/Visitor” refers to the following according to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care:

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). Examples of caregivers include family members who provide meaningful connection, a privately hired caregiver, paid companions and translators.



Under Directive #3, an essential visitor is “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.” Also included could be in-house staff such as nutritional care, Pastoral services, foot care services, hair, etc.

As mentioned above, the designation should be made in writing to Goderich Place. A maximum of 2 caregivers may be designated per resident at a time. From the visitor policy (http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/ltc/docs/covid-19/mltc_visitor_policy_20200909_en.pdf)

If anyone has any questions, please contact Annette or Barb directly. Thanks again for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Jason Mercier, Director of Operations, Retirement Life Communities Group of Companies, and
Annette Gerdes, Assistant General Manager, Goderich Place Retirement Residence