



**Covid-19  
Resident Update – July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

Our plan, for supporting safe, social visitations in The Cedars has been drafted according to the direction and guidelines of Island Health. The plan has now been approved. Guidelines for essential visitors continue as before.

The protocols for visits, as mentioned in my last update, feel and are, stricter than prior to the approval of social visits. I had hoped that visits could take place in the comfort and privacy of apartments but that is not possible. One of the protocols requires that the visiting area be thoroughly sanitized following each visit. As I am sure you will understand, we could not be sanitizing whole apartments following a visit.

- Scheduled visits are restricted to three areas, two on the patio and one in the family dining room.
- Benches at the front of the building and in the foyer are no longer to be used for visiting.
- Visit dates and times are to be booked with front desk staff. Visits are limited to 60 minutes.
- Each resident must identify ONE family member or friend as a designated visitor. You cannot have a different single visitor each day.
- Visitors will be required to wear a mask while in the building or on the patio and social distancing must be maintained. A fresh, medical grade mask, provided by Island Health, will be issued to visitors on entry. Personal masks are not to be worn. This directive is from Island Health and does differ from that of the province.

Please inform staff at the front desk who your visitor will be or ask your designated visitor to do so. Designated Visitors will be asked to complete a form indicating their agreement to adhere to the protocols that have been put in place regarding screening, distancing and mask wearing. The rationale for this protocol is 1) it will enable easy tracing should Covid-19 come into The Cedars; 2) it is meant to reduce exposure to risk.

Residents, family members (and staff) have been asked many times to mitigate risk by maintaining social distancing, wearing masks and sanitizing, paying particular attention when we are out and about. It is easy to forget when we get into conversation, which is why we often need kindly reminders. It is so easy to make the mistake of thinking that "...it will never happen to me". However, I am sure that we are all able to recall an event or two in our lives when we have said "I never imagined that this would happen to me!" We may think or feel that we are invincible but our neighbour/fellow resident/staff member/or our families may not be.

Please do all that you can to follow the advice to stay safe and keep those around you safe.

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And now, for something completely different – We need some additional office space and will be converting the small room off of the resident lounge into an office. The resident computer and magnifier are being moved into the library.

Thank you  
Karen Hope,  
Executive Director