



Covid-19 Resident Update – April 1 2021

My previous update of March 26 detailed changes in the Public Health Orders to provide greater opportunities for social visits in long-term care and assisted living residences. Following a number of meetings with Island Health, since the announcement, please see below some clarification of protocol/guidelines governing social visits in order to minimize risk of COVID-19 transmission.

- As mentioned Social Visits are no longer restricted to one designated person, additional family and friends are allowed to visit. A maximum of two adults plus one child is allowed per visit, indoors.
- Visits may take place in your apartment. If you prefer, you may still book the library or Family Dining Room for your visit. As the weather improves we will open up the patio for visits.
- You may visit with up to a maximum of 10 people outdoors. (Please do not congregate around the front door of The Cedars.)
- There is no need to provide a list of your anticipated visitors. Your visitors will be told the the infection prevention and control requirements that they are required to adhere to and they will simply provide verbal consent.
- **ALL visitors, whether indoors or outside, must be scheduled. Either you or your visitor can call the front desk to book a visit. Outdoor visitors are allowed to come in to use the public washroom.**
- All visitors, whether indoors or out, will still be required to sign in, be screened, sanitize and wear a medical grade mask during their visit. There are masks for children available at the front entrance.
- Because of the on-going requirement for tracking, visitors will need to leave the building no later than 8 p.m. (arriving no earlier than 8 a.m.)

If an active Covid-19 outbreak does occur all social visits will be suspended.

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With the Covid-19 numbers continuing to climb, as they did over the weekend, we will take our next steps cautiously.

We are opening up to more visitors, including children. Residents are welcome to visit families, perhaps even overnight. I would like to see how we fare with these changes before we open up the dining room and recreation programs to increasing numbers that do not allow for physical distancing and where there is no requirement for masks.

Just a reminder, there is no longer any requirement for 14-day isolation if you have been away from The Cedars, whether that is with family or in hospital. If you experience any symptoms of ill health please do not hesitate to report it to front desk staff or a CHW if you have one.

Once again, I respectfully ask that we all approach these changes with an abundance of caution. Staff, residents and families are still required to restrict their contacts to small, family-only or regularly contacted groups. Whenever you are out, please, do your best to abide by the provincial COVID-19 restrictions for the general public – masks, sanitize, safe distance and reduced contacts.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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