



## Iroquois Lodge Visiting - Update

**Date: December 2, 2020**

Iroquois Lodge staff and residents are very thankful for the efforts of the Emergency Control Group, our COVID-19 Assessment Centre staff and the community for the reduced number of cases within the Six Nations territory. We would like nothing else that to re-implement general visiting, however the status of our surrounding communities continues to present a risk for the residents.

At this time, we will continue to limit visiting to **Essential Visitors** only. This is consistent with the Ministry's COVID-19 Response Framework: *Keeping Ontario Safe and Open*.

Types of visitors:

- 1) **Essential Visitors:** a person performing an essential support service within the LTC home (i.e. government inspector, contractor, lab technician) or a person visiting a palliative or critically ill resident. This also includes a Designated Caregiver, someone designated by the resident to provide direct care to the resident.
- 2) **General Visitor:** a person who is visiting to provide non-essential services or family/friends visiting for social reasons.

Essential Visitors are permitted as follows:

- All visitors to the home are required to follow public health measures (e.g., active screening, physical distancing, hand hygiene, masking for source control) for the duration of their visit in the home.
- Any number of support workers may visit a home.
- If the local public health unit is in the Green-Prevent or Yellow-Protect level and the home is not in an outbreak, a maximum of 2 caregivers per resident may visit at a time.
- If the local public health unit is in the Orange-Restrict, Red-Control or Lockdown level, or the home is in an outbreak, a maximum of 1 caregiver per resident may visit at a time.
- If a resident is self-isolating or symptomatic, a maximum of 1 caregiver may visit that resident at a time.
- A caregiver may not visit any other resident or home for 14 days after visiting another:
  - Resident who is self-isolating or symptomatic; and/or,
  - Home in an outbreak.

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With respect to visitors to long-term care homes located in public health unit regions in the Orange-Restrict, Red-Control or Lockdown levels, effective Monday, November 23, 2020:

- Homes should ensure that caregivers provide proof of a negative COVID19 test result in the past week and verbally attest that they have not subsequently tested positive prior to visiting.

Prior to visiting any resident for the first time after this policy is released, and at least once every month thereafter, Iroquois Lodge will ask caregivers to verbally attest to the home that they have read/re-read the home's visitor policy. The home's visitor policy will include guidance from the following Public Health Ontario resources to support IPAC and PPE education and training for caregivers.

1. Guidance document entitled Recommended Steps: Putting on Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).
2. Video entitled "Putting on Full Personal Protective Equipment".
3. Video entitled "Taking off Full Personal Protective Equipment".
4. Video entitled "How to Hand Wash".

\*Non-adherence to visiting protocols can result in restricting further visits. We want to continue to keep all residents safe! We look forward to having family and friends safely visiting indoors again.

Nya:weh for your support and cooperation!  
Iroquois Lodge Leadership Team