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Visitor Policy

Purpose:

- To safely manage visits, both general and essential
- To safely manage short stay absences and temporary absences

General Visitors/Essential Visitors/Support Workers

General Visitors are defined as anyone attending Groves Park Lodge for the purpose of a social visit.

Essential Visitors are defined as individuals who are performing essential services including:

1. Food delivery
2. Inspectors (Government inspectors are considered essential visitors but are not subject to this policy)
3. Maintenance
4. Health care services such as phlebotomy
5. Support workers or caregivers

Support Workers are defined as individuals who are performing essential support services such as physicians, OT, PT, Funeral Home attendants.

General Visitors/Essential Visitors/Support Workers are required to:

1. Schedule their visits in advance for indoor and outdoor visits.
2. Be tested in accordance with their individual vaccine status as described below. Testing is available at GPL 10am-12:40 and 1:30 -3:40pm 7 days a week. Visitors must wear a medical mask supplied by GPL for the duration of their visit. Children under the age of 12 months are not required to wear a mask or be tested
3. Pass the general entry screening. If visitors do not pass the screening, they will not be permitted to enter the building.
4. Ensure no more than 4 visitors attend at one time, including Essential Caregivers.
5. Follow End Stage provisions, as directed on a case by case basis by the Administrator/DOC.

Indoor Visits:



Vaccinated/2 doses

- All vaccinated general visitors must show proof of vaccine at the time of entry.
- Along with their proof of vaccine, they must provide proof of a negative RAT administered at GPL on that day, or on the day prior.

Essential Caregivers

Groves Park Lodge defines an “essential caregiver” as: a family member, or friend, or person of importance to a resident and who provides one or more forms of support or assistance, including direct physical support, or social, spiritual or emotional support.

Individuals who are under age 16 must have approval from a parent or guardian to be designated as a caregiver. The decision to designate an individual as a caregiver is entirely the remit of the resident and their substitute decision maker.

These individuals will require 2 RAT and one PCR a week.

Essential Caregivers will need to provide proof of their negative RAT, and pass the screening when entering the building, and will be denied entrance if they fail the screening.

Non-adherence by visitor:

If a visitor refuses to follow the policies put in place by Groves Park Lodge, the visit will be ended and staff will provide education to the visitor so that they are able to correct their actions on the next visit.

If the visitor continuously refuses to follow the policy the home has the right to suspend visits.

This will be done in consideration of the clinical and emotional wellbeing of the resident.

Initially there will be a 14-day suspension and the visitor re-educated and given an opportunity to follow guidelines.

General visits and social outings will not happen when:

A resident is self-isolating or symptomatic.

Groves Park Lodge is in outbreak.

Outdoor Visits:

- All outdoor visitors must wear a mask for the duration of their visit.
- Up to 4 visitors may visit at one time. At times, larger group visits may be accommodated by the Director of Care on a case to case basis.

Short Stay absences:



1. Residents may leave Groves Park Lodge property for a short stay absence for health care-related, social or other reasons
2. Must wear a mask if tolerated.
3. Avoid large crowds or gatherings.
4. For 10 days upon return from an outing, residents must be monitored twice a day for symptoms of Covid-19, with a Rapid Antigen Test and PCR test completed on day 5.
5. If an exposure occurs while out, the resident must isolate for 10 days.

Temporary Absences:

Residents may leave Groves Park Lodge property for a temporary absence (one or more nights) for personal reasons

These residents/family must request approval from the DOC. This approval process will consider:

1. Vaccination status of resident/family
2. The risk associated with the planned activities that the residents will be partaking in while out.
3. Residents must be able to actively screened and undergo a PCR+RAT test on day 5 following the absence.
4. The resident's ability to comply with local and provincial policies and bylaws.
5. Any further directions that have been provided by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.

If a temporary absence request is denied, the refusal will be communicated to the resident / substitute decision maker, and will include the reasons for that decision.