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The Waterloo Region has recently been experiencing a concerning escalation in the number of cases of covid-19. This surge in community spread is a reminder of how quickly things can turn.

We are excited to welcome visitors into our communities to spend quality time with their loved one. As Father's Day approaches, we encourage everyone to be familiar with and follow visiting guidelines. These protocols are based on Directive #3 and guided by the Ministry of Long-Term Care.

Essential visitors

- designated by the resident and/or their substitute decision-maker
- 1 caregiver (maximum) per resident may visit inside the home at a time, including when a resident is self-isolating or symptomatic
- 2 caregivers (maximum) per resident may visit outside the home at a time
- may not visit any other resident or home for 14 days after visiting another resident who is self-isolating or symptomatic and/or home or area of a home affected by an outbreak

General visitors

- not an essential visitor; visiting for non-essential services or social reasons
- must schedule their visits in advance
- 2 general visitors (maximum) per resident may visit outdoors at a time
- residents with mobility limitations / health conditions (factors unrelated to weather) making an outdoor visit highly unlikely or impossible a maximum of 1 general visitor per resident may visit indoors at a time; maximum of 1 caregiver may also be present during the visit; a list of eligible residents has been established by the home
- no general visitors are permitted if the resident is symptomatic, isolating or resides in an area of the home that is in an outbreak; this applies to both indoor and outdoor visits

Absences

- person accompanying resident is required to pass active screening and complete a rapid antigen test
- residents will be provided with a mask
- residents will be screened upon return

Temporary Absences

- approval for temporary absences is required from the community
- residents will be provided with a mask
- upon return residents are required to be screened and have a PCR test; residents must remain in isolation until the results are received – if result is negative fully vaccinated residents can discontinue isolation; non-fully vaccinated residents must remain in isolation with a PCR test on day 10.

Fairview Parkwood Communities is committed to protecting the health, safety and well-being of our residents, visitors and team members. Thank you for following the protocols.