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On Friday, July 16th, 2021, Stage 3 of the Provincial Re-Opening will come into effect. Please find the details regarding the easing of restriction for Fairview Parkwood Communities below.

Fully immunized is defined as a person who has received the full series of covid-19 vaccine or combination of covid-19 vaccines approved by Health Canada and they have received their final dose of the covid-19 vaccine at least 14 days ago.

Immunization Status

People can prove they are fully immunized by showing the physical or emailed receipts provided at the time of vaccination. Receipts can also be downloaded from the government covid-19 website by using your health care number. To access the site, please click [vaccination receipt site](#).

Any person who does not wish to provide proof of immunization status must follow the testing requirements for unvaccinated individuals (minimum frequency of 1 -2 times/week).

Asymptomatic Surveillance Testing

Routine Surveillance testing will be discontinued for individuals who are fully immunized and asymptomatic. This includes staff caregivers, students, volunteers, support workers and general visitors. Testing requirements remain the same for individuals who are not fully immunized.

Active Screening

Active screening will continue; changes to the questions are forthcoming.

Infection Prevention and Control

Masking

All individuals must continue to comply with universal masking protocols for the entire duration of your visit, regardless of immunization status. Therefore, we ask you refrain from eating or drinking while visiting.

Physical Distancing

Physical distancing (minimum of 2 metres or 6 feet) must be practiced by all individuals at all times, except for the purposes of providing direct care to a resident. Exceptions to this restriction include:

- Residents can have a brief physical contact with essential caregivers and/or general visitors (e.g. hugs)
- Fully immunized caregivers/general visitors and an immunized resident
- Compassionate/palliative visit
- Provision of personal care services (e.g. hair cut)

Co-Horting

Residents will continue to co-hort with their home area for dining and social activities as much as possible to limit transmission across groups. When outdoors, co-horting restrictions may be relaxed to enable greater socializing.

Visiting

When visiting the community, we are encouraging residents and caregivers/visitors to either meet in the resident suite or outside. This will allow residents to move throughout the home freely.

There are no limits to the number of persons who can be designated as a caregiver for a resident. To become an essential caregiver please complete the online application form and required education. All essential caregivers must be approved by the home. If the home is in outbreak or the resident is in isolation, only essential caregivers may visit in the community; general visitors may visit outdoors (unless the resident is symptomatic or isolating).

Absences

All residents, regardless of immunization status can leave the home for:

- social absences (do not include an overnight stay); no approval from the home required
- temporary absences (involve two or more days and one or more nights for non-medical reasons); requests can be made verbally and require approval

Resident Screening

Resident screening has been adjusted to once per day (from two). Screening includes the resident temperature.

Programs/Outings

Restrictions have been eased to include:

- off-site excursions
- karaoke, singing and dancing

We thank you for your continued support as we continue the journey to re-opening our communities.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to a member of the Leadership Team.