

# Memo



**To** Community Members  
**From** Madison Boudreau, CNE  
**Date** March 31, 2023  
**Re** Ontario's transition to a new normal state and identifying winding down measures for LTC

Correspondence received from the Ministry of Long-Term Care on March 22, 2023 regarding Pandemic Response states that the risk of severe outcomes to residents has been reduced with the high vaccine uptake and available of safe and effective therapeutics.

Effective March 31, 2023 the province of Ontario is implementing its first phase to wind down measures for those living or working in LTC that are no longer appropriate or necessary.

The update includes,

## **ASYMPTOMATIC TESTING AND REPORTING - NO LONGER REQUIRED**

- Asymptomatic screening testing for staff, students, volunteers, support workers, caregivers and visitors.
- Collect and maintain statistical information for asymptomatic screen testing.
- Submit daily COVID-19 outbreak data to the ministry.

## **PASSIVE SCREENING - TO CONTINUE**

- Passive screening requirements for staff, visitors and caregivers. Passive screening is when staff, physicians, visitors and caregivers monitor themselves for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and other respiratory or infectious diseases to prevent the spread of illness

## **LIMITATIONS / RESTRICTIONS - NO LONGER REQUIRED**

- Limit of one caregiver at a time during COVID-19 outbreak or when a resident is symptomatic or isolating.

## **RESIDENT MONITORING - NO LONGER REQUIRED**

- Daily temperature checks for all residents.
- Actively screen residents returning from an absence.

**RESIDENT MONITORING - TO CONTINUE**

- Daily monitoring for the presence of infection, including COVID-19.

**MASKING - NO LONGER REQUIRED**

- Masking outdoors for residents, caregivers and visitors.

**MASKING - TO CONTINUE**

- Indoor masking requirements for staff, physicians, students, volunteers, support workers, caregivers and visitor.
- Outdoor masking requirements for staff, physicians, students, volunteers, support workers, when in close proximity to a resident (six feet or less).

**PLEASE DELAY YOUR VISIT IF YOU ARE EXPERIENCING ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SYMPTOMS,**

Fever and/ or chills

Cough (new or worsening)

Decrease or loss of taste or smell

Shortness of breath

For Children (under the age of 18 years)

Nausea, vomiting, and/or diarrhea

For Adults (18 years of age and older)

Extremely tired, lack of energy, feeling unwell and/or muscle pain

On behalf of the senior team, thank you for your ongoing commitment to a safe environment for our residents and patients.