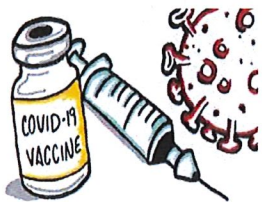




## Resident, Family, Friend and Responsible Party Newsletter – Aug. '21

Dear Strathmere Lodge residents, family members, friends/responsible parties:

### 1. Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic Update



In July, the province announced further changes for the long term care home sector aimed at relaxing pandemic restrictions. As of July 21<sup>st</sup>, here are the highlights governing long term care homes:

- There is now no limit to the number of in-room visitors that can be designated by substitute decision makers/residents (substitute decision makers/residents are asked to designate authorized in-room visitors by contacting The Lodge at ext. 6216);
- A maximum of two (2) visitors at a time may make an in-room visit (to maintain social distancing requirements);
- Visitors are no longer subject to on-site rapid antigen testing if “fully vaccinated” (provincial vaccine documentation must be shown to be exempt from testing);
- There is no limit to the number of outdoor visitors per visit, subject to the need for social distancing (outdoor visits to be booked with The Lodge by calling ext 6216); and
- Residents may leave Lodge premises for social absences – same day absences or overnight absences (overnight absences to be discussed with The Lodge).

Please contact The Lodge with any questions regarding Visiting or Testing.

### 2. Admission Documents



Please review the enclosed memo, offering families/residents the opportunity to review/amend documents signed on admission to The Lodge.

### 3. Labelling of Residents' Clothing



This is a reminder that new clothing needs to be labelled with the resident's name before a resident begins to wear it (this also includes items such as shoes/slippers and personal blankets/throws). Please ensure that you use the Clothing Bin near the main entrance to deposit clothing requiring labelling, after inventorying the clothing items on the form provided at the bin (further instructions are provided at the clothing bin).

For inquiries regarding missing clothing and the like, please contact John Fournier, Environmental Services Manager (519-245-2520, ext. 6244, or via email at: [jfournier@middlesex.ca](mailto:jfournier@middlesex.ca)).

### 4. In Conclusion ....



Please let me know if you would like to see certain issues addressed in future newsletter editions (contact me at 519-245-2520, ext. 6222, or via email at: [bkerwin@middlesex.ca](mailto:bkerwin@middlesex.ca)).

Please share a copy of this newsletter with other family members and friends, or direct them to our web page: <http://www.middlesex.ca/departments/long-term-care>

Electronic back copies of our newsletter can be found on our web page. Hard copies are compiled in binders at both our Reception desk and the staff lounge, and are available for your review.

You can find additional copies of this newsletter edition at our Public Information Board near Reception.

***Brent Kerwin,***

Administrator

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