

December 10, 2021

Dear Resident/Family,

COVID-19 remains a risk to the health and wellness of Calvary Place Personal Care Home residents, particularly as highly infectious variants circulate in the community.

We know these have been exceptionally difficult months and we are grateful for your cooperation and respect for the guidelines that have been put in place to protect residents, staff and our community.

December is a month most often spent celebrating with family and friends. This year, as we again navigate a holiday season amid COVID restrictions, there are some changes to the activities we are able to permit, and the measures that we must take in order to support them safely.

We ask that you and your family give some thought to ways to celebrate special events, including birthdays, milestones and the holiday season in a manner that respects the following guidelines:

- If you are a designated caregiver and wish to enjoy a meal together during a visit with your loved one, physical distancing of 6 ft/2m must be maintained while masks are off, and hand hygiene must be performed frequently. For residents who require assistance when eating, masks must continue to be worn while physical distancing is unable to be maintained. Meals must be consumed in the Resident room; public dining is not permitted.

Food and Gifts:

- Food donations or gifts for staff or residents is acceptable. Products that are individually-wrapped are preferable.
- Cards or letters are very much welcome.

Social Leaves

- Social leaves continue to be discouraged; however, we know that families may wish to enjoy time together outside our facility and ask that the following guidance be followed to minimize risk:
 - For fully vaccinated residents, a leave may be permitted, with travel directly to and from the intended location. All individuals involved in the transportation of the resident must be fully vaccinated. All individuals aged 12 and up who are physically present at the gathering must also be fully vaccinated. For individuals aged 5-11, vaccination is strongly recommended. All individuals at the gathering must not have any cold/flu symptoms or other symptoms commonly associated with COVID-19. Masks must be worn and physical distancing maintained.
 - For unvaccinated residents, social leaves are not permitted. Alternate visitation, including use of virtual connections and visitation shelters, is available.
 - Please note that in circumstances where guidelines or public health requirements are believed not to have been followed, measures required in order to support safe return to the facility will be completed. Measures may include a required

isolation period at the discretion of Calvary Place, and suspension of visitation privileges.

NOTE: Guidance is regularly being updated as new, highly infectious, variants are identified. We are closely monitoring the emergence of the Omicron variant, as well as any restrictions placed on recently returned travelers which may impact your ability to visit our facility or participate in a resident's social leave.

Information can change quickly and we appreciate your cooperation as we share updated guidance or make necessary changes to protect the health and safety of residents over the coming weeks.

We know that these requirements will be disappointing to you – and we share the disappointment of not yet being able to fully celebrate important milestones with you and your loved ones. Our staff are willing to consider your proposals for celebrations/activities that respect group size, vaccination requirements, physical distancing and visitor guidelines. We are also prepared to support virtual celebrations, resident viewing of drive by parades, displays of community artwork and similar demonstrations of love and seasonal cheer.

Thank you for your understanding. If you have questions, please refer to the frequently asked questions document or reach out to us directly.

Sincerely,

Helmut Plett, RPN/CEO/DOC