



Haldimand
County

Grandview Lodge

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Important Notice

Outbreak Update

January 28, 2022

Hello All,

COVID-19 Outbreak Hillview Home Area Declared Over

Effective today, Public Health has declared the outbreak on Hillview over. All of the contacts of the last positive resident have tested negative.

New COVID-19 Outbreak Creekview Home Area Identified

On January 26th, 2022 a resident on our DementiAbility home area who exhibited symptoms associated with COVID-19 was confirmed positive through PCR testing. Surveillance testing on all residents residing on the Creekview home area was completed and subsequently one additional resident has tested positive. The majority of the tests have returned however a few are outstanding and as such additional cases may be identified.

Many of the residents on this home area tend to wander and are not able to adhere to IPAC and isolation protocols and as such we anticipate that this unit may not be spared given the high transmissibility of the variant. That being said, we do acknowledge that transmission was limited when the home area was in outbreak just a few weeks ago and we are hopeful for a similar outcome.

Once again the staff response has been swift and proactive. They have initiated a reverse isolation precaution for the home area which has staff working in full PPE for the duration of their shift in an effort to contain the spread as opposed to donning and doffing PPE when entering and exiting an isolated resident's room.

While Essential Caregivers are still permitted to visit residents during an outbreak the number of essential care givers visiting at one time is limited to one (1) and visits must occur in the resident's room only. Additionally, group programming on this home area will be limited.

At this time we have not identified any critical health conditions in residents or staff related to COVID-19.

We will continue to monitor this situation and provide updates upon further developments.

Since the outbreak is limited to one home area, all unaffected home areas (HV, BV, MV) may have up to two essential caregivers visit at one time.

Please note that under current Ministry restrictions General Visitors are not permitted at this time unless visiting a resident receiving end of life care.

		Requirements		
		Fully Vaccinated	Not Fully Vaccinated	Outbreak/ Resident in Quarantine
VISITORS *Masks required at all times. Eating and drinking not permitted except where a home is able to provide designated space	ESSENTIAL – CAREGIVER Max 2 designated (unless previously designated). Caregivers designated after December 15, 2021 must be fully vaccinated Max 2 per resident at a time (unless in outbreak or quarantine) Required to have first dose of COVID-19 to gain entry to home. Second dose required as of February 21, 2022 ¹	May have physical contact with resident May support in dining room, join in activities Must be screened and tested to enter home	Are restricted to residents' room where permitted entry to home Must be screened and tested to enter home	May support in resident's room / quarantine room (1 per visit)
	NON-ESSENTIAL GENERAL VISITOR	NEW: Not permitted, unless visiting a resident receiving end of life care.		

VACCINATION:

Fourth dose boosters have been delayed until next week in accordance with best practice guidelines related to vaccinating residents when the risk of active infection is low.

Looking forward: We are hopeful that the Ministry will reopen LTC homes as restrictions begin to loosen in accordance with the Re-opening Ontario Act.

Be prepared: When current LTC restrictions are lifted all visitors will be accountable to meet the requirements set forth under the **Minister's Directive: Long-term Care Home COVID-19 Immunization Policy**.

This Directive sets out requirements for proof of vaccination against COVID-19 for people working (including all staff and support workers), undertaking a student placement, volunteering, **or visiting** at long-term care homes.

This Directive may be reviewed in full by visiting:

<https://ltchomes.net/LTCHPORTAL/Content/Ministers%20Directive%20LTCH%20COVID-19%20Immunization%20Policy%202022.01.27.pdf>

Below is a summary of the vaccination requirements for visitors. Please note that an extension for third dose has been granted by the Minister and is highlighted in yellow.

Proof of COVID-19 Vaccine or Medical Exemption	Staff, support workers, student placements, and volunteers	Caregivers	General Visitors (when permitted)
Proof of First Dose or Proof of Medical Exemption	Currently required to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 (see below)	Currently Required	Currently required to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 (see below)
Proof of being Fully Vaccinated Against COVID-19 or Proof of Medical Exemption	Currently Required	By February 21, 2022	Currently Required
Proof of Third Dose or Medical Exemption	By March 14, 2022, for those eligible for a third dose before March 14, 2022 For those eligible for a third dose on or after March 14, 2022, they must provide proof of having received the third dose within 30 days of being eligible	By March 14, 2022, for those eligible for a third dose before March 14, 2022 For those eligible for a third dose on or after March 14, 2022, they must provide proof of having received the third dose within 30 days of being eligible	Not required unless otherwise specified in the COVID-19 Guidance Document for Long-Term Care Homes in Ontario

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