



**Haldimand**  
County

# Grandview Lodge

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## Important Notice

### Outbreak Update

February 18, 2022

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Hello Residents, Family and Friends of Grandview Lodge,

This most recent outbreak has been our most challenging as we were faced with a highly transmissible variant on a home area where containment efforts were challenged. A total of sixteen residents were intermittently confirmed positive throughout the 6-weeks of the declared outbreak. While all residents on the home area are now recovered and in stable condition; it is with a heavy heart that I share the news of our home's first COVID-19 related loss. We feel blessed to have had the privilege of caring for the resident in our home alongside their family and friends during their end of life journey.

At this time, I am pleased to advise you our outbreak has been declared over. All home areas are open and residents are free to visit shared spaces throughout the home.

In accordance with the Ministry of Long-term Care Visitation Guidelines the following changes will come into effect **on Monday, February 21, 2022**:

- Resume all general visitors 5 years and older who have had at least two COVID-19 vaccine doses.
- Children under 5 years of age will continue to be restricted from entering a long-term care home, except for infants 12 months or younger.
- Increase limits on the number of visitors (including caregivers) that may visit a resident at one time to three (3).
- Expand social day absences to all residents regardless of vaccination status.
- Resume social overnight absences for residents who have had at least three COVID-19 vaccine doses.
- With the reopening of general visitors into the homes, this will also allow for the resumption of adult day programs, entertainers and personal care services (where the person is not a staff member) in the home. Social group activities should remain as small groups.

It is fitting that the loosening of restrictions aligns with the Family Day holiday and we are excited that our residents will be reunited in person with members of their family that they have been missing. We also want to remind everyone that the variant is still out there and that it remains highly transmissible so please exercise caution when visiting the home.

If you believe you “have a cold” please stay home until you are symptom free, continue to wash your hands, comply with wearing a surgical mask at all times while visiting in the home and remember to arrive ahead of time in order to complete the rapid antigen testing requirements.

We anticipate a higher than usual volume of visitors so please be patient and respectful of the infection prevention and control measures that are in place to keep our residents, staff and families safe.

Welcome back, we’ve missed you!

Jennifer

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