



**Haldimand**  
County

# Grandview Lodge

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## Important Notice

### Outbreak Update

February 4, 2022

Hello All,

#### **COVID-19 Outbreak Creekview Home Area**

On January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022 a resident on our DementiAbility home area who exhibited symptoms associated with COVID-19 was confirmed positive through PCR testing. Surveillance swabs were taken and several results have come back positive. We currently have 15 resident who have tested positive since Jan 26<sup>th</sup>. Three residents who tested positive remain asymptomatic and all other positive residents are displaying mild symptoms. We will continue to screen and test residents who develop symptoms or are identified as close contacts of positive residents. A limited number of staff have also tested positive.

The Creekview staff are doing their best to isolate all positive case, their roommates and tablemates.

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 did anticipate that this unit may not be spared given the high transmissibility of the variant. Although the transmission rate is higher during this outbreak, we are grateful that we have not identified any critical health conditions in residents or staff related to COVID-19.

Essential Caregivers are still permitted to visit residents during an outbreak. The number of essential care givers visiting at one time is limited to 1 and visits must occur in the resident's room only. Additionally, group programming on this home area will be limited. These restrictions remain in place for the Creekview home area and will continue until the outbreak is declared over.

**LTC Visitation Guidelines are changing effective February 7, 2022 – please review the February edition of Grand Viewpoints for a summary of the changes. 😊**

**VACCINATION:** Fourth dose boosters have been administered to those residents who were eligible and had consented. We will continue to provide booster doses in accordance to best practice guidelines and in consultation with public health officials.

Be prepared: As 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 can 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 <b>First Dose</b> 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 <b>Fully Vaccinated Against COVID-19</b> or Proof of Medical Exemption	Currently Required	By February 21, 2022	Currently Required
Proof of <b>Third Dose</b> 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 <a href="#">COVID-19 Guidance Document for Long-Term Care Homes in Ontario</a>

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