

June 15th, 2020

Happy to announce Premier Ford has allowed visitation to occur as of June 18, 20. As we have all missed our families through this pandemic this comes as a relief to most residents and families. We at Niagara Gardens do however need to make sure all our residents and facility stay Covid free. This means we have had to create policies and procedures that reflect our need to keep all safe and organized.

This initial protocol is not permanent and will be revaluated every week, at that time we will look at family and resident compliance and current Covid numbers in the area. Visits will be prescheduled Monday thru Friday to be booked through Suzie or Eva between 7-3 at 905-687-3388 x2006

#### Visiting hours are:

Monday:15:30-19:30pm Tuesday: 10:30-14:30pm Wednesday: 15:30-19:30pm Thursday: 10:30-1430pm Friday: 10:30-1430pm

Visits will be held outdoors at a table with 6 feet apart. This will be sanitized between each visit. No inside visitation currently due to social distancing concerns. To be revaluated weekly. If weather is poor visits will be cancelled. Visits will be limited at present to 1 visitor 1x weekly for 30 minutes time frame to accommodate everyone. Visitors must be screened by staff; wash hands wear a mask properly throughout the visit and have a valid covid negative test. Proof will be required must be within two weeks. A package will be provided with instructions and will need to be read and signed by visitor. Visitors must bring their own mask, they can be cloth. Unfortunately, there can be no hugging, kissing, or contact within 6 feet. No weekends or nights due to screening procedure required and staff availability. Residents in isolation will not be able to participate until isolation period is over for resident and facility safety. If visitors arrive without a scheduled time, enter the building, join their loved ones on an outside common area or not adhere to social distancing guidelines during their scheduled visit, you will not be allowed on property until visitation is back to normal and your love one will be isolated to their room for 14 days as per public health.

If visitation rules are not adhered to, Niagara Gardens will have no choice but to restrict visitation to protect all residents.

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I have read the package provided and will adhere to the visita	ation rules.
Sign Date	

**Recommended best practice** is to screen staff and essential visitors in and out of facility

The COVID-19 Respiratory Infection Screener consists of 4 questions

<ul> <li>Have you or anyone in your household had close contact* with anyone with acute respiratory illness or travelled outside of Ontario in the past 14 days?</li> <li>Do you or anyone in your</li> </ul>	Yes No
household have a confirmed case of COVID-19 (or test results pending) or had close contact* with a confirmed case of COVID-19 not yet resolved (or test results pending)?	Yes No
Do you have any of the following symptoms:  Fever New onset of cough Worsening chronic cough Shortness of breath Difficulty breathing Sore throat Difficulty swallowing Decrease or loss of sense of taste or smell Chills Headaches Unexplained fatigue/malaise/muscle aches (myalgias) Nausea/vomiting, Diarrhea, Abdominal pain Pink eye (conjunctivitis) Runny nose/ nasal congestion without other known cause Croup in children Multisystem inflammatory vasculitis in children	Yes No  Temp In Out  When leaving are you now experiencing any of these symptoms  Yes No
Olf the patient is 70 years of age and older, are they experiencing any of the following symptoms: delirium (altered state of consciousness), unexplained or increased number of falls, acute functional decline, or worsening of chronic conditions?  After a screening test for Covid within the last two weeks come back positive?	Yes No Yes No

#### **COVID-19 Screening Results**

If response to <u>ALL</u> of the screening questions is <u>NO.</u>	COVID Screen Negative
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If response to <b>ANY</b> of the questions is <b>YES</b> .	e screening	COVID Screen Positive
Name	Date	SHIFT

Note: A COVID Screen Positive result <u>is not</u> equivalent to a confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19.

#### **Positive Screener Result Scenarios**

<ul> <li>Severe difficulty breathing (e.g., struggling for each breath, speaking in single words)</li> <li>Moderate difficulty breathing</li> <li>Severe chest pain (constant tightness or crushing sensation)</li> <li>Feeling confused or the patient is unsure of where they are</li> <li>Losing consciousness</li> </ul>	Use PPE Precautions as appropriate  Send patient to the Emergency Department  Notify Public Health (according to local processes)  Notify the LHIN Care Coordinator
Mild Symptoms and/or Travel History	
<ul> <li>Fever (.37.8 degrees Celsius or more)</li> <li>New onset cough</li> <li>Worsening chronic cough</li> <li>Shortness of breath</li> <li>Difficulty breathing</li> <li>Sore throat</li> <li>Difficulty swallowing</li> <li>Decrease or loss of sense of taste or smell</li> <li>Chills</li> <li>Headaches</li> <li>Unexplained fatigue /malaise /muscle aches (myalgias)</li> <li>Nausea/vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain</li> <li>Pink eye (conjunctivitis)</li> <li>Runny nose/ nasal congestion without other known cause</li> <li>Croup in children</li> <li>Multisystem inflammatory vasculitis in</li> </ul>	Use PPE Precautions as appropriate  Notify Public Health (according to local processes)  Notify the LHIN Care Coordinator  Instruct patient to self-isolate for 14 days and use MOH COVID Self-Assessment  If symptoms worsen, call Primary Care Provider or Telehealth1-866-797-0000

## Atypical Symptoms (70 years of age and older)

- · delirium (altered state of consciousness),
- Unexplained or increased number of falls,
- Acute functional decline,

children

Worsening of chronic conditions

#### **Use PPE Precautions as appropriate**

**Notify** Public Health (according to local processes)

**Notify** the LHIN Care Coordinator

**Instruct** patient to **self-isolate for 14 days** and use MOH COVID Self-Assessment

**If symptoms worsen, call** Primary Care Provider or Telehealth1-866-797-0000

\*Close Contact - Living in the same house and/or within touching distance (within 6 feet, 2 meters), with a person with suspected, probable, or confirmed case of COVID-19. Examples include kissing or hugging, sharing eating or drinking utensils, carpooling, close conversation, sharing a healthcare waiting area, performing a physical examination (relevant to health care providers), and any other direct contact with respiratory secretions of a person with coronavirus.

#### The following are not considered close contact exposures:

- Living in a city or town where there are one or more confirmed cases of COVID-19.
- Walking by a person who has COVID-19

Adapted from www.Ontario.ca



# Respiratory hygiene, cough etiquette, hand hygiene (2)

 Measures to contain respiratory secretions. Should be practiced by everyone - staff, residents, visitors/volunteers - upon entry and throughout stay

Cover mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing Dispose used tissue properly in nearest waste receptacle

Perform hand hygiene after contact with respiratory secretions and contaminated objects/ materials Appropriate
use and proper
removal of
surgical face
mask



### **HOW TO WEAR A MASK?**

#### Use surgical masks instead of N95 masks.



It should COVER YOUR MOUTH, NOSE AND CHIN, with the coloured side facing outwards.



PINCH THE METAL EDGE OF THE MASK so that it presses gently on your nose bridge.



HOLDING ONLY THE EAR LOOPS.



To be effective, CHANGE YOUR MASKS REGULARLY OR IF SOILED OR WET.



WASH YOUR HANDS WITH SOAP AND WATER after disposing the soiled mask properly into a bin.