



We have received the following Direction from the Ministry of Long-Term Care
“Updates have been made to masking requirements and recommendations for staff, students volunteers and support workers. Additionally, caregivers and visitors are recommended, but no longer required to wear masks in all areas of the home.

- IPAC audits must be performed at least quarterly when not in outbreak, in alignment with the Infection Prevention and Control Standard”

“For staff, students, support workers and volunteers:

- Masks are required based on a point of care risk assessment (PCRA), consistent with Routine Practices, and based on the return-to-work protocol following COVID-19 infection.

- o A PCRA must be completed by every health care worker before every patient interaction and task to determine whether there is a risk to the health care worker or other individuals of being exposed to an infectious agent, including COVID-19, and determine the appropriate IPAC measures to be taken.

- Staff may consider wearing a mask during prolonged direct resident care (both indoors and outdoors).

- Masks are not required in administrative and staff only areas (e.g., lunchrooms, offices, gyms).

- Homes are encouraged to implement “mask friendly” policies, including accommodating staff who prefer to continue to wear a mask beyond minimum requirements, and residents (or substitute decision-makers) who request that a staff member wear a mask when providing care, in alignment with the Residents’ Bill of Rights.

For caregivers and visitors:

- Masks are recommended, but not required, when indoors in all areas of the home (e.g., social activities). Caregivers and visitors may now join in for dining and sharing a meal or beverage in communal areas.

In outbreak situations, or if a resident is on Additional Precautions, all individuals are required to comply with masking and other personal protective equipment requirements as directed by the outbreak management team and the local public health unit.”

As we move forward, we will continue to introduce the step down in a precautionary process. Any questions please contact us.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 28, 2023 STAFF, FAMILIES AND VISITORS THAT ARE UP TO DATE ON THEIR VACCINE'S. (RECEIVED THE LAST VACCINE ANY TIME AFTER SEPT 2022) WILL NOT BE REQUIRED TO WEAR A MASK.

STAFF, FAMILIES AND VISITORS THAT ARE NOT UP TO DATE ARE STILL REQUIRED TO HAVE A RAPID TEST WHEN THEY ARRIVE IN THE BUILDING AND HAVE TO WEAR A BLUE MASK.

NOTHING HAS CHANGED WHEN IT COMES TO ISOLATION ROOMS OR ANY RESIDENTS WITH CLOSE CONTACT PRECAUTIONS. FULL PPE'S ARE STILL USED.

ANY STAFF THAT HAVE NOT BEEN FITTED FOR A N95 MASK, ARE NOT ALLOWED IN THE ISOLATION ROOMS

ANY STAFF, FAMILIES AND VISITORS WANTING TO WEAR A MASK MAY DO SO

