

To: **Families and Friends**
CC: **Board of Directors**
From: Sherry Kerr, Executive Director
Date: June 1, 2021
Re: Resumption of Visits

It has been a LONG SPRING!! However, it appears that Ontario has rounded the corner of COVID-19. The vaccination rate is still climbing and a plan to re-open Ontario looks very promising.

As such, **outdoor visits** for family and friends of residents at Bell Lane and Stedman House will resume tomorrow, after the Stay-at-Home order is lifted. There is no change to our current visitor policy, which for outdoor visits, includes:

- Only 1 visitor at a time
- Visitors will be screened.
- Visits are to be scheduled with staff.
- Visitors must maintain physical distance and always wear a mask.

Indoor visits will resume when the province moves to Stage 1 of the re-opening plan. It is expected this will happen on June 14th, and again, will include:

- Only one visitor at a time
- Visitors will be screened before entering the building.
- Visits must be scheduled with staff.
- Visitors must attest to having had a negative COVID-19 test completed within 14 days.
- Visits will take place in a designated area.
- Visitors must maintain physical distance and always wear a mask.

The visitor guidelines can be found on our website if you require further information.

Although our staff and residents have had their first vaccination, it is not expected that staff or residents will receive their second dose until the end of June; thus, we are not at liberty to follow the LTC new guidelines, as all LTC and RH have had their second dose of the vaccine.

Our tenants at Colborne Street and the clients who receive care at home are reminded to follow the provincial guidelines for COVID-19 to ensure their safety, the safety of the staff, and the continuation of their care.

We do highly encourage all family and friends who wish to visit, to be vaccinated. If you are fully vaccinated, please feel free to share this with us. At this point, the Ministry has not provided guidelines or regulations regarding vaccinated visitors, but I do expect to see something soon.

As mentioned, this last Stay at Home Order was very difficult, and we appreciate all the support from family and friends.

Our front-line staff and management continue to work hard to ensure the health and safety of the residents, tenants, clients we serve, and themselves, in anticipation of a more relaxed and 'normal' summer for all.

As always, please feel free to email me directly at skerr@pssbrantford.org with any questions or concerns.

With Regards,



Sherry R. Kerr, Executive Director