



The Salvation Army Buchanan Lodge

Communication Update July 16th, 2021

Dear Family and Friends,

As reported in the media, there will soon be a further easing of long-term care COVID-19 restrictions. The Ministry of Health, in consultation with the Public Health Officer and health authorities, has advised of the following practice changes, effective July 19, 2021.

- Visitors will no longer need to schedule or book a visit in advance but must be screened for COVID-19 symptoms prior to each visit.
- The maximum limit of 2-adults plus 1-child visitors is no longer in effect.
- Buchanan-wide indoor social and recreational events and gatherings involving residents and staff from multiple houses/floors will be reinstated.
- Outdoor social events (e.g., summer barbeques) may resume and include residents, family, friends, and staff.

What does this mean and how does it affect visitors and volunteers?

Visitors

- Screening is available between 10:00 am and 7:15 pm daily. Consequently, visitors arriving after 7:15 pm will not be screened and therefore not permitted into the building.
- Fully immunized visitors (2 vaccines and 14 days after 2nd dose) are not required to wear a medical mask while in direct contact with the resident they are visiting in the room. However, they will still be required to wear a medical mask while moving through the building and while in common areas.
- Visitors who do not provide documentation confirming they are fully immunized are required to wear a medical mask at all times, including when in direct contact with the person they are visiting in the room.
- It is strongly recommended that all visitors be fully immunized.

Volunteers

- Fully immunized volunteers (2 vaccines and 14 days after 2nd dose) will be able to return to Buchanan.
- Volunteers will also need to be familiar with the responsibilities and expectations regarding outbreak prevention, detection, and management at Buchanan.

The health crises has been hard on residents, families, and our staff who have been working under very difficult circumstances over the past 18 months. While welcoming the easing of restrictions we need to be mindful of the risk that still exist, do our part as individuals to remain safe, and continue working together keeping Buchanan Lodge free of COVID-19!

Blessings,

Blake Armstrong

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