

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) UPDATE

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

Visit Requirements Update

As per new Ministry of Children, Community & Social Services directives, we will no longer be requiring visitors to complete a Rapid Antigen test prior to a visit. Passive screening for Covid-19 which reminds visitors of the need to self-screen for symptoms prior to visiting and to refrain from visits if experiencing Covid-19 symptoms continues to be required.

Additionally there is no longer a restriction on the number of visitors at one time as long as the other precautions are adhered to.

In Home Visits

In order to facilitate in home visits and overnight visits, we have established the following expectations based on directives from the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services. We trust you will understand these expectations have been put in place to ensure the ongoing health and safety of all.

It is important to note that everyone is required to adhere to the following required expectations at all times. If this does not occur, the visit will be ended and may impact future visits until all restrictions have been lifted.

The following details outline Community Living Mississauga's in home family visit requirements:

- All families/friends should complete a passive screen prior to visits as per identified passive screening procedures below.
- The home where your family member/friend lives must have no active COVID-19 cases and all people who live at the home must be in good health. If anyone is ill no visits will occur.
- In order to ensure that no visits occur when someone is ill a designated time for the visit must continue to be arranged with the support staff at the home.

Guidelines for In Home Visits and Arrangements:

- The home where your family member / friend lives must have no active COVID-19 cases and all people who live at the home must be in good health and if anyone is ill no visits will occur.
- Families/friends will be asked if they have completed a passive COVID-19 screening questionnaire as per below prior to visiting their family member/friend as identified below. In the last 5 days
 - Do you have **one** of the following symptoms: fever/and or onset of cough or difficulty breathing?
 - OR
 - Do you have **ANY** of the following symptoms: fever and or chills, fatigue, lethargy, malaise, headache, sore throat, runny nose, stuffy or congested nose, lost sense of taste or smell, hoarse voice, difficulty swallowing, digestive issues (nausea/vomiting, diarrhea, stomach pain), muscle aches, joint pain, conjunctivitis (pink eye), decreased or lack of appetite?
 - Have you been in direct contact with anyone who has COVID-19 in the last 10 days?
 - In the last 10 days have you tested positive for Covid-19 including on a Rapid Antigen test or home based self- testing kit?
 - Do any of the following apply to you:
 - You live with someone who is currently isolating because of Covid-19
 - You live with someone who is currently isolating because of Covid-19 symptoms
 - You live with someone who is isolating while waiting for Covid-19 results.
 - Has a Doctor, Health Care Provider, or Public Health Unit told you that you should be isolating (staying at home)
 - In the last 10 days (regardless of whether you are currently self-isolating or not) have you been identified as a “close contact” of someone (regardless of whether you live with them or not) who has tested positive for Covid-19 or have symptoms consistent with Covid-19? Note: If you have tested positive for Covid-19 (any testing method) within the last 90 days and have already completed your isolation period, select “NO”
- If any of the responses to these questions are **yes** the visit will be cancelled.

Additionally the following are also required:

- Do you acknowledge that at any time your PPE is removed you must maintain a distance of 2 metres
- Have you received your full COVID-19 vaccinations?

- Do you have documentation to show proof of full vaccination?
- If you respond **no** to these questions the visit will be cancelled.
- Everyone will wear a surgical mask provided by Community Living Mississauga. <https://www.publichealthontario.ca/en/videos/ipac-maskeyes-on>
- Masks must be worn correctly, they should be secured properly, covering nose, mouth and chin area at all times. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qilLP_UnaHg
- Masks will also be provided to the person for personal use if tolerated.
- Hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette practices must be followed prior to and during the visit. Wash/sanitize hands regularly. Sneeze and cough into your sleeve. If you use a tissue, discard immediately and wash/sanitize your hands afterwards. Avoid high-touch areas, where possible, or ensure you clean your hands after.
- Any non-adherence to these expectations will be the basis for the discontinuation of visits.

Overnight Visits

In order to facilitate overnight visits, we have established the following expectations based on directives from the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services. Again, we trust you will understand these expectations have been put in place to ensure the ongoing health and safety of all.

It is important to note that everyone is required to adhere to the following required expectations. If this does not occur this may impact future visits until all restrictions have been lifted.

The following details outline Community Living Mississauga's overnight family visit requirements:

- All families/friends should complete a passive self-screen for COVID-19 prior to and after visits as per the identified screening questionnaire.
- Upon return the person must pass an active screening questionnaire that screens for signs and symptoms of and potential exposure to COVID-19
- If the person does not pass the active screening process upon his/her return or the Rapid Antigen test is positive, Community Living Mississauga will implement the procedures for a suspected, presumed or confirmed case of COVID-19. These procedures will be implemented within 24 hours, isolation, visitor restrictions and precautions will be implemented as per Public Health Guidelines.
- The person will be required to isolate & wear a mask as tolerated.
- 5 to 10 day precautions include:
 - Monitor for symptoms

- Avoid using common areas; however, if a common area cannot be avoided, the person must use a surgical/procedure mask if tolerated.
- Limit contact with others
- Only participate in group activities if physical distancing is maintained (e.g. 2 metres) and a surgical/procedure mask is used for the duration of the activity.
- Practice proper hand hygiene by washing their hands often (using soap and water or using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer)

Guidelines for Overnight Visits and Arrangements:

- The home where your family member/friend lives must have no active COVID-19 cases and all people who live at the home must be in good health and if anyone is ill no visits will occur.
- Families/friends will be asked to complete the passive COVID-19 screening questionnaire prior to picking up & dropping the individual off at their home as per below. In the last 5 days
 - Do you have **one** of the following symptoms: fever/and or onset of cough or difficulty breathing?
OR
 - Do you have **ANY** of the following symptoms: chills, fatigue, lethargy, malaise, headache, sore throat, runny nose, stuffy or congested nose, lost sense of taste or smell, hoarse voice, difficulty swallowing, digestive issues (nausea/vomiting, diarrhea, stomach pain) muscle aches, joint pain, conjunctivitis (pink eye), decreased or lack of appetite?
 - Have you been in direct contact with anyone who has COVID-19 in the last 10 days?
 - In the last 10 days have you tested positive for Covid-19 including on a Rapid Antigen or home based self- testing kit?
 - Do any of the following apply to you:
 - You live with someone who is currently isolating because of Covid-19
 - You live with someone who is currently isolating because of Covid-19 symptoms
 - You live with someone who is isolating while waiting for Covid-19 results.
 - Has a doctor, health care provider, or public health unit told you that you should be isolating (staying at home)
 - In the last 10 days (regardless of whether you are currently self-isolating or not) have you been identified as a “close contact” of someone (regardless of whether you live with them or not) who has tested positive for Covid-19 or have symptoms consistent with Covid-19? Note: If you have tested positive for Covid-

19 (any testing method) within the last 90 days and have already completed your isolation period, select “NO”

- If any of the responses to these questions are **yes** prior to the visit the visit will be cancelled.
 - You will also be asked if you have reviewed the expectations of the visit and if you are willing to follow these expectations. If you are not willing or able to do so the visit will be cancelled.
 - A designated time for the visit must be arranged with the support staff at the home.
 - If families or friends enter the person’s home they must follow the guidelines above for in home visits.
 - Visitors will also be expected to call the home when they are dropping their family member or friend off after the visit so support staff can meet the person at the door. If families or friends enter the person’s home they must follow the guidelines above for in home visits
 - Masks will be provided to the person for personal use. Masks must be worn correctly, they should be secured properly, covering nose, mouth and chin area at all times.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qjILP_UnaHg
- Any non-adherence to these expectations will be the basis for the discontinuation of visits.

Backyard/Outdoor Visits

- Visitors may choose not to mask or maintain physical distance if all parties are fully immunized.
- Visitors may choose not to mask while maintaining physical distance regardless of immunization status.
- All other requirements remain unchanged & the same passive screening applies as per the above for Overnight Visits.

We sincerely thank you for your patience and understanding and remain grateful for your ongoing support! Adhering to Public Health & Ministry of Children, Community & Social Services directives remains essential to maintaining and building-upon the success we have all worked so hard to achieve.

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