

Parameters

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Item	TVCC Plan
Screening before entering the home	<p>COVID-19/ARI screening is still required.</p> <p>Staff: to complete passive* screening prior to and upon entry into Trinity Village Care Center. If staff are feeling unwell, they are asked to stay home and they are to contact reception, and the call will be forwarded to the Nurse Manager, who will triage for next steps.</p> <p>Caregivers/General Visitors: to complete passive* screening prior to and upon entry into Trinity Village Care Center.</p> <p>If a visitor is feeling unwell, we recommend that they stay home until symptoms have improved for 24 hours, including no fever; 48 hours if gastrointestinal.</p> <p>*Passive screening means that those entering the setting review screening questions themselves, and there is no verification of screening.</p>
Number of people who can visit per resident at one time	<p>Provincial set limits have been revoked. However, according to Trinity Village Care Center Visitor Policy we will continue to restrict visitors to 4 caregivers and/or general visitors at one time. If there are more than four visitors arriving at one time, we will ask that some of the visitors remain on the main floor, so not to overcrowd the resident room/home area hallway.</p> <p>COVID 19 Outbreak – visitors are limited to essential caregivers only.</p>
Can children visit our facility?	<p>Yes, children of all ages are permitted to visit the home.</p>
Is there a limit on visitors for End-of-Life residents?	<p>There is no limitation to the number of visitors allowed, however, only four visitors may visit at a time in the resident’s room. If there are more than four visitors arriving at one time, we will ask that some of the visitors remain on the main floor, so not to overcrowd the home area hallway.</p>
Personal Protective Equipment	<p>Effective March 1, 2025, we will be re-implementing an internal policy that requires our staff and visitors to wear a surgical mask within the home. During the respiratory and enteric season, there is potential for it to be a challenging one this year with an estimated influx of RSV, Influenza and Covid-19 circulating within the community. With the recent outbreaks that we have encountered in our home, sadly we have seen 6 residents pass away. As an organization our priority is to keep our residents, staff and families safe.</p> <p>As required in the Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC) Standard and the updated MLTC COVID-19 guidance document, masking in non-outbreak situations in LTCHs continues to be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • required for staff, based on a point-of-care risk assessment before every resident interaction • A consideration by staff to wear a mask during prolonged direct resident care defined as one-on-one within two metres of an individual for fifteen minutes or longer; and • based on the return-to-work protocols; <p>Trinity Village Care Center’s Universal Masking Policy which was put in place on September 20, 2023, is no longer in effect to align with the Ministry of Health Guidance.</p> <p>Staff PPE requirements when in OUTBREAK:</p> <p>COVID 19 - Staff to always wear an N95 mask when in the home area. When entering a Droplet Contact Precaution room, they are to don their face shield, gown and gloves. Staff are to doff the face shield, gown and gloves when exiting the room and wipe the front of their face shield with an Accel wipe and complete good hand hygiene. Staff are to doff their N95 mask when exiting the home area in outbreak, perform good hand hygiene, and then proceed to exiting the building.</p> <p>ARI/ENTERIC - Staff to always wear a surgical mask when in an ARI/ENTERIC outbreak home area. Staff, when entering a Droplet Contact Precaution room are to don their fit tested, seal checked N95 mask, assigned face shield, gown and gloves. Staff are to doff the gown and gloves when exiting the room along with good hand hygiene and cleaning the face shield between affected resident rooms. Once COVID 19 PCR results are negative, IPAC will direct</p>

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	<p>staff to switch N95 requirements to a surgical mask, along with face shield, gown and gloves when entering an ARI positive resident room. Staff are to doff the N95 mask/surgical mask when exiting the home area in outbreak, perform good hand hygiene, and then proceed to exiting the building.</p> <p>Visitors PPE requirements when visiting an OUTBREAK home area: You will be required to wear a surgical mask when visiting a loved one who is isolated and/or if the home area is in an outbreak.</p> <p>COVID 19/ARI/ENTERIC – Surgical masks to be worn upon entering the home area. When entering a room under Droplet Contact precautions, visitors wear a surgical mask and face shield along with the gown and gloves for their visit.</p>
Staff and Resident Cohorting	<p>Currently, there are no COVID-19 specific requirements or restrictions related to physical distancing or cohorting when not in outbreak.</p> <p>When in outbreak, staff will be cohorted to their home area. Staff will break in the home area break room or outdoors. Staff are not to break in the Café or the main staff rooms.</p> <p>When in outbreak, residents will not be able to leave their home area to visit another home area or Café, main floor/gathering place. For residents who are in isolation, at the discretion of the Public Health Unit and where operationally feasible, some activities may continue such as one-on-one walks in an empty hallway or outdoors, with appropriate use of PPE.</p>
Resident group activities, organized events and social gatherings between home areas	<p>Currently there are no restrictions on Resident group programming. Programming and outings may resume as usual with proper Public Health guidelines being followed.</p> <p>We are recommending that residents socially distance when participating in group activities, organized events, and social gatherings between home areas. Masks are also available for residents who wish to wear one at any time.</p> <p>For outbreak areas of a home, residents will be cohorted in small groups for all essential activities. Group activities for cohorts may continue or resume if operationally feasible. Residents may receive 1 to 1 programming if applicable.</p>
Absences: Residents	<p>SUSPECT/CONFIRMED COVID 19 OUTBREAK ABSENCES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residents who are isolated on droplet contact precautions may be permitted to continue absences for medical/palliative or compassionate reasons only. Inform the receiving facility and provide access to a medical mask. • Residents not isolated can continue to participate in absences for any reason, unless otherwise directed by Public Health. <p>ARI OUTBREAK ABSENCES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residents who are isolated on droplet contact precautions may be permitted to continue absences for medical/palliative or compassionate reasons only. Inform the receiving facility and provide access to a medical mask. • Residents not isolated can continue to participate in absences for any reason, unless otherwise directed by Public Health. <p>ENTERIC OUTBREAK ABSENCES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residents not isolated can continue to participate in absences for any reason, unless otherwise directed by Public Health.
Do residents have to screen or test upon returning from an absence?	<p>Day and overnight absences: (medical, compassionate, temporary or short term)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upon return from an absence, residents are no longer required to be actively screened for signs and symptoms of COVID-19, tested or isolated unless they have symptoms or have tested positive for COVID-19.
Communal dining	<p>Caregivers and general visitors may accompany a resident for meals to assist them with eating. We are asking that visitors refrain from eating and drinking alongside the residents in the home area dining room.</p> <p>There are no COVID specific requirements or restrictions related to communal dining. IPAC practices, such as hand hygiene, will continue to be followed in communal dining settings.</p>
Can a caregiver/general visitor eat/drink with the resident in the resident's room?	<p>Yes. However, we continue to recommend socially distancing.</p> <p>For residents who reside on the outbreak home area or are in isolation, we ask that you refrain from eating, drinking, or taking off your mask during your visit.</p>

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Summer Outdoor Visiting Parameters	<p>Summer weather update:</p> <p>In the case of inclement weather heat alert/warning, humidex advisory, rain, etc., outdoor visits will be canceled. This decision is based on the MOHLTC June 2020 Guidelines for the Prevention and Management of Hot Weather-Related Illness in Long-Term Care Homes. Outdoor visits are canceled when the weather is 30 degrees or more and/or a humidex rating of greater than 40 degrees.</p> <p>Please see the following: https://www.theweathernetwork.com/ca</p>
Can pets visit?	<p>Yes, following approval – see form on website “Latest News – Care Centre Visiting Pet Application”.</p> <p>Pet Visits will be paused during the outbreak.</p>
Gift Parameters	<p>Flowers: are allowed except for lilies and hyacinths due to allergies. Latex balloons: are prohibited due to allergies.</p> <p>Clothing: complete the Clothing Labelling Form to ensure the items are labelled and returned to the resident.</p>

Any questions? Please contact IPAC Manager at ipac@trinityvillage.com or submit your question [HERE](#).