

# COVID-19 Guidance for Long-Term Care

Ministry of Long-Term Care



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# Why the Change?

- Trends in the number of cases and outbreaks continue to improve each week.
- The government is easing measures across the province including in long-term care homes.
- We continue working with partners to address safety in homes, and support moving to a return to normal and a better quality of life for residents.

# Residents

- Can participate in social activities without having to stay in specific groups (cohorting), except for dining.
- Do not need to physically distance from each other.
- Can have bigger groups for social activities (more than 10).
- All residents can now go on absences.



# Visitors

- Residents may have up to 4 visitors indoors at a time.
- Homes can decide how many visitors for outdoor visits.
- Residents do not have to physically distance from their visitors.
- Visitors may support residents in the dining room, and join in activities.



# Surveillance Testing

- Visitors must be screened and tested to enter home.
- Visitors do not have to test for outdoor visits.
- Testing can re-start after 90 days if previously infected.



# Vaccination

- The *Minister's Directive on Long-Term Care Home COVID-19 Immunization Policy* ended on March 14, 2022.
- Homes can continue their own vaccination policies.
- Vaccination remains critical in the fight against COVID-19 to reduce severe illness and outcomes.



# Supports Remaining in Place

- Some infection prevention and control (IPAC) measures will remain in place:
  - Screening and testing
  - Masking
  - Personal protective equipment





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