

Huron Lodge COVID-19 Update

Information as of 12:00 P.M. on Wednesday, April 1, 2020

On March 31, Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health issued a new directive to long-term care homes. This directive includes additional measures for the protection of staff and residents:

- Active screening of residents, staff and visitors: Homes must screen all those entering the home, and screen those in the home twice daily (including temperature checks) with the exception of emergency first responders
- Active and ongoing surveillance of all residents: at least twice daily for all residents (at the beginning and end of the day)
- Screening for new admissions: Screen all new admissions and re-admissions and all new residents must be placed in self-isolation for 14 days.
- Managing essential visitors
- Limiting work locations: Wherever possible, employers should work with employees to limit the number of work locations that employees are working at.
- Changes to when an outbreak of COVID-19 is declared at a home, including when it is over, and
- Specimen collection and testing for outbreak management

Huron Lodge has the following protections in place:

Huron Lodge will continue, as per direction from the ministry, to limit visitation to essential visitors. Essential visitors are defined as those who have a resident who is dying or very ill. In these instances, one visitor will be allowed. These visitors must continue to be actively screened prior to entering the home and again when they leave the home. Active screening includes the taking of temperatures. Those who fail screening will not be permitted to enter. No other visitors are permitted to enter the home, instead they are asked to keep in touch with loved ones by phone or other technologies, as available.

The Huron Lodge team will continue to facilitate Skype and FaceTime opportunities for our residents and families. If you have not yet been set up, please contact the home and ask for a Resident Services team member. Additionally, our recreation team will continue to support our residents through personal visits, small group programming and supplying residents with independent leisure resources.

Residents of Huron Lodge are only permitted to leave and return to the home for essential medical services.

Family members are asked to only drop off items of an essential nature, such as sealed food items or sealed personal care items.

Resident updates are available to family members by telephone. Please contact the home area the resident resides in.

Your cooperation and support of the current protections Huron Lodge has in place is appreciated and will ensure that the health and well-being of our residents remains the first priority.

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Huron Lodge Long Term Care Home