

July 14, 2021

A message for our families

We are sharing some good news about further easing of visiting and outing restrictions in our Homes, in alignment with the province's move to Step Three of the [Roadmap to Reopen](#) on Friday, July 16.

Here's a quick rundown of the major changes:

- LTC Homes are again able to set our own visitor limits, and all residents are permitted to go on absences regardless of immunization status. Please refer to our visiting guidelines and absences at a glance charts on our [Family Caregiver Programs](#) webpage for more information.
- Designated family caregivers and visitors who are fully immunized (14 days after receiving their final dose of the COVID-19 vaccine) and provide proof of vaccination each time they arrive at their loved one's Home no longer need to complete a rapid test. As per [Ministry guidelines](#), we will continue to test those unable to provide proof of vaccination. To support a smooth process for all, we ask designated family caregivers and visitors to please have their vaccination receipt on hand to share during active screening, which can be downloaded from [Ontario Health](#).
- Buffet and family style dining is once again allowed, and off-site group excursions for residents can resume. We look forward to even more meaningful interactions shared between residents, and with loved ones, over the coming weeks.

Our teams have worked very hard during the pandemic, in partnership with our families and designated family caregivers, to balance our residents' safety and care needs with a focus on quality of life. We hope families are as excited as we are about these changes and how they support us in our shared commitment to ensuring residents are active, engaged and experience a great quality of life in their home.

Please feel free to reach out to the Executive Director at your specific peopleCare Home with any questions or concerns.