

COVID PROTOCOL UPDATE

Last week, the Ontario government, based on recommendations of the Chief Medical Officer of Health, introduced new temporary measures in long-term-care due to COVID-19 and the Omicron variant, which came into effect on December 15th.

The following directives are in place at Glen Hill Terrace and Glen Hill Strathaven Long-term Care Homes:

- All general visitors must be fully vaccinated in order to enter the home.
- Designated caregivers must provide proof of having received their first dose of the vaccine by December 20th and be fully vaccinated by February 21st, 2022.
- A maximum of two (2) visitors may visit a resident at one time.
- All persons entering the home will be required to rapid test prior to each visit.
- Residents who are fully vaccinated are still able to go out for a day absence, but overnight stays have been suspended.
- Upon returning from a day absence, residents will be required to have a rapid test and a PCR test on day of three of their return and another PCR test on day seven (7).
- Residents will not be required to isolate unless they have had a known exposure to COVID.
- Co-horting for higher risk activities (singing, dancing, dining) and discouragement of large group activities.
- Masking is still required at all time while in the home.

We will continue to monitor the situation and revise protocols as necessary.

Tekoa Manor and Providence Place Independent Seniors Living:

In response to the rapidly spreading and highly transmissible Omicron variant, the Ontario government, in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health, is applying additional public health and workplace safety measures, including capacity and social gathering limits. As such, programs have been assessed and modified as necessary.

To protect Ontario's progress in the fight against COVID-19 and to safeguard the province hospitals and intensive care units (ICU's) in the face of the rapidly spreading Omicron variant, the Ontario government is accelerating its booster dose rollout by expanding eligibility to all individual's aged 18 and over, as well as shortening the interval to three months following an individual's second dose.

Durham Christian Homes strongly recommends that everyone receive the vaccine/booster as soon as possible.

