



TEKOA MANOR AND PROVIDENCE PLACE
COVID-19 UPDATE

December 22, 2020

As Covid-19 cases continue to rise at an alarming rate, the Ontario government, in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health, is imposing a **Provincewide Shutdown**. Additional restrictions will be put into place and reinforce that we should all stay at home as much as possible to minimize transmission of the virus and prevent hospitals from becoming overwhelmed.

The Provincewide Shutdown will go into effect as of Saturday, December 26, 2020 at 12:01 a.m.

To help stop the trend of high Covid-19 transmission in communities, preserve health system capacity, safeguard vulnerable populations and those who care for them, and save lives; measures include but are not limited to:

- **Restricting all gatherings to those within your own household.**
- **Individuals living alone may consider having exclusive close contact with one other household.**
- **Prohibiting in-person shopping in most retail settings. Curbside pickup and delivery can continue. Supermarkets and grocery stores that primarily sell food will continue to operate at 50% capacity for instore shopping.**
- **Pharmacies will continue to operate at 50% capacity for instore service.**
- **Prohibiting all indoor and outdoor dining.**

All residents are advised to stay home as much as possible with trips outside the home limited to necessities such as food, medication, medical appointments and supporting vulnerable community members.

As such visitation is restricted at Providence Place and Tekoa Manor effective immediately in order to safeguard our vulnerable resident population. **Only CRITICAL visitors are permitted to enter the building.** Critical visitors are those that are supporting the vulnerable in our buildings. Restricting outside visitors is essential to keeping our residents safe.

Any persons that have cold symptoms or are feeling unwell are NOT permitted to enter the building.

We have set up drop off zones in the vestibules, and ask that visitors that are dropping off Christmas gifts and supplies for our residents, to minimize contact by adhering to posted procedure and **do not enter the building.**

Residents are encouraged to stay in contact with their neighbours by telephone and are asked to not visit in person and in suite.

Additional to the above restrictions, the following measures are to be implemented within Providence Place and Tekoa Manor (including Friendship Hall):

- ◆ **All programs and activities will be put on hold.**
- ◆ **The hairdressing salon will be closed during this period.**
- ◆ **We ask that you refrain from gathering in lobbies and in common areas.**

Please note that private care providers and home care providers will be permitted to provide services to residents. All essential workers entering into our building will continue to be required to self monitor for symptoms, and are required to sign in at the tables located in our vestibules at the main entrance.

We will provide you with more information as it becomes available, and thank you in advance for your continued cooperation.

For the most up-to-date information, please speak to the administration, or visit [Ontario.ca/coronavirus](https://ontario.ca/coronavirus).

Thank you.

Wishing you all a safe and joyous Christmas and New Year.

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