



November 16th, 2021

Dear Residents and Families,

Thank you for your continued support of our community. We are beginning to see signs of Christmas throughout Sherbrooke and are looking forward to a wonderful holiday season.

Today, we wanted to inform you of a change in the Family Presence guidelines from the Saskatchewan Health Authority. Starting on Tuesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, all Saskatoon long term care homes will be moved from Level 1 visitor restrictions to Recovery Phase family presence. This change comes as a result of Saskatoon experiencing a decrease in local transmission of the Covid-19 virus and the recent implementation of the proof of vaccination requirements in long term care homes.

The Recovery Phase means there are no limits on the number of essential family/support persons or visitors that can be designated, or present at a time, during indoor or outdoor visits for each resident.

All essential family/support persons or visitors must still show proof of full vaccination to enter Sherbrooke. For those who choose not to show proof of vaccination to our front door screener, a negative PCR or rapid antigen test performed in the past 72 hours by an approved provider must be shown. Information on where to obtain a test can be found on the Government of Saskatchewan website (<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/healthcare-administration-and-provider-resources/treatment-procedures-andguidelines/emerging-public-health-issues/2019-novel-coronavirus/testinginformation/where>).

Visiting hours at Sherbrooke will remain from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., seven days a week. All essential family/support persons or visitors must wear a medical grade mask at all times including when in a resident's room. They must also follow physical distancing guidelines and keep a 2 meter distance between themselves and residents.

Organizing large gatherings with residents at Sherbrooke will be a challenge due to physical distancing guidelines. However, residents are free to leave Sherbrooke to attend social functions during the holiday season. Many of our residents already have their proof of vaccination and our neighbourhood community clerks can help those residents who would like to have a proof of vaccination.

We know it is challenging keeping up with all of these changes so please feel free to speak with your neighbourhood manager if you have any questions. Thank you in advance for showing kindness and respect to our staff and managers when asking questions. A reminder that all of the latest information from Sherbrooke can be found on our website and Facebook page.

Thank you again for all of your support and we look forward to seeing you soon in our community.

Sincerely,

*Kim Schmidt*

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