

Title	COVID Policy – Unvaccinated Visitors into the Home
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Manual: Infection Prevention & Control		Section: INFECTIOUS DISEASE PROTOCOLS
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PURPOSE:

The Extencicare CRG-04 COVID 19 Policy was endorsed by the FJ Davey Board of Directors and implemented October 15, 2021 for all staff, volunteers and contractors. The FJ Davey policy is an adjunct to that and applies to Essential Care Givers (ECG) and visitors.

All ECG must show proof of at least 2 doses of COVID 19 Vaccine as outlined by Ontario Public Health prior to entering the home. General Visitors who are not going to a unit that is in outbreak are not required to show proof of Vaccination against COVID 19.

The exceptions to this is visitors attending a resident who is actively at end of life and palliative or if the visitor has a valid medical exemption as outlined in policy CRG-04 COVID 19. The Ministry Guidance Document and Ministry Directives have set the minimum requirements of all homes in preventing COVID 19 from coming into a facility. This policy goes above the minimum requirement.

SCOPE:

All visitors and essential care givers, staff , volunteers or students who are coming into the home to visit residents who are not actively palliative

DEFINITIONS:

1. Caregiver – as per the FLTCA, a care giver is a family member or friend of the resident or a person of importance to the resident and provides one or more forms of support or assistance to meet the needs of the resident, including providing direct physical support such as activities of daily living or providing social ,spiritual or emotional support, whether paid or unpaid, and is designate by the Resident and at least 16 yrs of age.
2. General Visitor – as per the Minister’s Directive: COVID 19 response measures for the LTC Home – is defined as a person who is not an essential visitor and is visiting the home to provide non-essential services related to either the operations of the home or a particular resident. This excludes children under one year of age.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

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1. Will ensure active screening of all ECG and visitors to confirm that proof of appropriate COVID 19 vaccination is in place for that person prior to entering the home

2. Will ensure that the Screener person has a current list on a daily basis of those residents who are actively palliative and at end of life so that visits from loved ones will not be interrupted
3. The screener will keep a record of active screening results on each visitor. These records will be kept for 30 days
4. For General Visitors who are not vaccinated, there is no requirement to show any documentation about vaccination status as long as the visitor is not going to any unit / resident home area that are in outbreak or suspect outbreak.
5. There are no restrictions to outside visits
6. This policy will be reviewed and updated as the Ministry directives and Ministry guidelines are updated

REFERENCE MATERIALS:

COVID-19 Guidance Document for Long Term Care Homes in Ontario
 Ministry of Health Directive #3 document and F&Qs
 COVID-19 Immunization Policy Directive 2022.02.04
 Minister’s Directive Surveillance Testing
 FLTCA 2022

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