

September 29, 2023

Dear Family Member/Support Caregiver of a person in long-term care and assisted living,

The BC Ministry of Health announced yesterday afternoon that they will be reinstating enhanced infection prevention and control measures ahead of respiratory illness season.

Effective **October 3rd**, medical mask wearing will be required by all health-care workers, volunteers, contractors, and visitors in resident common areas of health-care facilities, which includes **long-term care (LTC)** and **assisted living (AL) residences**.

LTC and AL visitors will be required to wear a medical mask when they are in common areas of Kiwanis Lodge, Kiwanis House and Kiwanis Sorooptimist Suite and when participating in indoor events, gatherings, and activities in communal areas of Kiwanis Village. Masks will not be required when in resident rooms or outdoor spaces.

Ambassador roles will also be reinstated, specifically to support screening for symptoms of respiratory illnesses, hand out medical masks, and to ensure people clean their hands before entering. Please do not visit if you are feeling unwell.

We are waiting for clarification from the Ministry of Health regarding guest meals in the dining room and we will share the information when we receive.

Please feel free to share the above information with other family members. Thank you for continuing to take the necessary steps to support residents and staff to stay safe, your support is greatly appreciate.

Warm regards,

Lori Walker
Executive Director