

Visiting Copernicus Lodge during COVID-19

We are pleased to inform you that on September 2, 2020, The Ministry of Health Long Term Care updated Directive #3 to allow indoor visits on Resident Home Areas. With COVID-19 daily results in Ontario, in particular Toronto, Copernicus Lodge is taking a cautious approach to family and friends visiting residents in the home. We ask you to visit our website to view copies of our visiting policy, absence policy and essential caregiver policy. The following is an overview of our visiting procedure which would take effect on September 9, 2020.

Our indoor visits to residents are comprised of two options: 1. Multipurpose Room on the ground floor and 2. Resident Home Areas in resident's room. Prior to your visit, residents or Substitute Decision Makers (SDM) are required to notify the home of the names of two essential caregiver visitors or general visitors and their contact information.

An essential caregiver is a person who is designated by the resident and our SDM and is visiting to provide direct care to the resident such as supporting feeding, mobility, personal hygiene, cognitive stimulation, communication, meaningful connection, relational continuity and assistance in decision-making. A caregiver must be at least 18 years of age and meet the home's screening requirements. A maximum of two caregivers may be designated per resident at a time. A caregiver may not visit another resident or another resident in another home for 14 days.

A general visitor is an individual who is not an essential caregiver and is visiting a resident to provide non-essential services to a resident. These visits may be for social reasons or for a meaningful connection or relational continuity.

Indoor visits (Resident's Room)

- For visiting your loved one's room, please enter Copernicus Lodge through the main doors and proceed to your loved one's building and enter the lobby for the in room visit. Beyond the sliding doors, you will be stopped by one of our screeners who will ask you a series of screening questions and take your temperature.
- Once you pass screening, you will be asked to sign an attestation form that states you have taken a COVID-19 test in the last two weeks and that the results are negative. If you do not pass screening, your visit will be cancelled.
- You will be asked to sanitize your hands and put on a medical-grade face mask that is provided to you before proceeding to your loved one's room. Please keep your mask on for the duration of your visit and always maintain physical distancing.
- Please note that we are welcome to visit seven days a week from 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.
- In the case of a COVID-19 outbreak in your loved one's building, all visits will be cancelled until the outbreak is declared over. Even if the outbreak is not on your loved one's RHA, we must halt visits to anyone in the building. Visits will continue in the other building if it is not experiencing an outbreak.
- For now, pets are not allowed to accompany you on your in-room visit.
- You will be allowed to use the bathroom on our main floor on arrival or when you are leaving.
- After your visit, we ask that you leave your loved one's room, and go back through to the screening station in the lobby to sign-out.

Indoor Visits (Multipurpose Room)

- For the indoor multipurpose visit please enter Copernicus Lodge off of Marion St., where you will also be asked by our screeners a series of screening questions and who will take your temperature.
- You must wear a face mask for the duration of your visit at Copernicus Lodge. A face mask will be provided to you.
- We are scheduling 30-minute visits Monday – Sunday from 11:30 a.m. – 6:15 p.m.
- We are now allowing two visitors per resident per week.

Outdoor visits (Window Visit & Courtyard visit)

- For our outdoor visits, please enter Copernicus Lodge through the entrance off of Marion St. You will be greeted and assisted by a member of our team. You must pass our screening on the day of your visit. You will be asked a series of questions and will have your temperature taken. If you do not pass screening, your visit will be cancelled.
- You must wear a face mask for the duration of your visit at Copernicus Lodge. A face mask will be provided to you.
- We are scheduling 30-minute visits Monday – Sunday from 11:30 a.m. – 6:15 p.m.
- We are now allowing two visitors per resident per week.

- Please remember to practice social and physical distancing practices and remain at least two meters (or six feet) from your loved one for the duration of your visit.

To book your visit, please call us at 416-536-7122 ext. 237

For the Ontario government announcement [CLICK HERE](#). To read the specific guidelines, [CLICK HERE](#)

On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff, we look forward to welcoming you to our indoor Resident Home Areas, outdoor window and virtual visits with your loved one. Also, please be sure to visit our Website for updates at [Copernicus Lodge](#)