





Niverville Heritage Centre Campus Statement Regarding Code Changes for our Campus August 19, 2021 #44

This statement is being released to our Residents, their families, our Team Members, Board Members, Stakeholders including our Town Council and CAO.

Please note that this policy currently applies to the

NCU Manor Heritage Life PCH Niverville Heritage Centre Heritage Life Retirement Living

Recently there were some changes that are being circulated by Shared Health on visitation and resident life. We are excited about these changes. It has been a long time for some of these opportunities.

Effective August 26, 2021 the following changes will be in effect. Unless specifically noted changes will apply to the entire campus.

Unless a resident or neighbourhood has a confirmed Covid-19 case <u>all residents will be considered living in a Green Zone.</u> If the resident is waiting for the result of a Covid test they will be off this status until the result for the test is received.

CAUTION: Even with the changes noted below if any resident is confirmed to have the Covid 19 virus or any place they have attended, such as a family member's home or a public space is confirmed to have a Covid 19 outbreak the following can be suspended for the resident or an entire neighbourhood or floor.

<u>Visitation – NCU Manor and Heritage Life PCH</u>

Travelling in a vehicle and any activities where there are large gatherings are still listed as "high-risk situations" for our residents. Appointments are required for the Administration to issue a pass(authorization) for the resident to go on the outing.

<u>Appointments and outings for fully vaccinated residents and family members</u> - Effective August 26th, 2021 our residents will be able to go out and stop at or visit places such as

- A family members home
- An outdoor park or venue
- An indoor public venue including
 - o Hair Salon
 - Church/synagogue/mosque
 - "Faith-based gatherings have demonstrated to be a higher risk setting thus adherence to public health guidance is important. If families chose to take the resident to a faithbased gathering outside of the PCH, guidance and practice related to leaves/passes from healthcare facilities must align with the current Public Health orders and pandemic response level."
 - "This includes social distancing and wearing of masks and sanitizing upon entry and exit.
 - o Store or shop
 - Restaurant
- Appointments such as medical, chiropractor, optometrist, therapist etc.
- A drive through restaurant is preferred
- Overnight visits are not allowed at this time.





<u>Rides in a vehicle</u> – **all parties in the vehicle must be fully vaccinated.** All parties must continue to social distance and wear masks except for eating.

- All drivers/escorts that will be in the vehicle must be screened before entry to facility.
- Drivers/escort(s)should be informed on how to put on and remove a mask, and the importance of maintaining physical distancing from others.
- The number of people in the vehicle should be minimized to those considered necessary. *Preference is only one other person besides the resident.*
- All residents and all drivers/escorts must wear a medical/procedure mask.
 If either the escort/driver and/or the resident are unable or unwilling to wear a mask, the pass is not permitted
- During transport, if possible, travel with car windows open.
- Hand hygiene should be practiced often.

Non-vaccinated visitors

PCH - For non-vaccinated visitors there is still the Visitation Pod where appointments can be made.

NCU Manor – as well for visiting NCU Manor residents, visitors/family who are not fully vaccinated can make appointments to visit outside of the family room.

<u>Visitation and activities – Heritage Life Retirement Living Inc.</u>

Unless a resident in the Life Lease has tested positive for the Covid-19 virus or been at a location which has been determined by Public Health to be the center of an outbreak, residents in the life lease may visit with each other and go about most activities normally but with the strongest encouragement that where possible and practical masks continue to be worn and social distancing be practiced.

Activities – if the residents want to plan activities this is acceptable but again masks and social distancing must be part of the planning of the activity. Unless for eating the mask should be worn at all times.

If there is a confirmed Covid-19 case in the Heritage Life Retirement Living building the facility may again have restrictions put in place.

At this point we are asking for some restraint when it comes to having guests overnight in your suite. We may not be far from where all these things are back in the realm of possible.

Resident Activities – PCH and NCU Manor

Slowly more and more activities are being permitted. There may also be some music or entertainment groups can start coming back BUT only outdoors. Since our residents are 97.5% vaccinated we will be able to accommodate most of them in participating in these events. Another step towards what used to happen.

Adult Day Programs

We are looking at restarting this program but there will be some changes that will need to stay in effect until further notice.

- Participants and staff will need to be fully vaccinated.
- Our Team Members will ensure that the seating has the participants social distancing.
- Masks will need to be worn unless the participants are eating.

NOTE: In order for our residents to participate in these activities and opportunities this will require compliance from all parties.







- If a designated caregiver, family member or general visitor violate any of the guidelines the Administration has the right to suspend all further off campus activities.
- If a resident also violates any of the guidelines and they knew they were doing this the Administration has the right to suspend all further off campus activities.
- These are not steps that we want to take but there has to be an understanding that these opportunities are for our residents and we still want them to be safe.

NOTE: if any resident expresses that they do not want to go out with the family member or visitor the Administration will side with the resident and not make them leave the premises.

We are excited that there are more opportunities for our residents. We are hoping that there won't be any interruption in these activities.

If you have any questions please contact the undersigned.

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