Community Walks

- Residents and visitors can take community walks that go beyond the property.

- These visits only need to be scheduled with AgeCare if the resident requires support to prepare for or be transported to the visit by a designated visitor who will be entering the building, or AgeCare staff.

- Community walks will not be supervised by AgeCare staff or volunteers.

- Residents must sign out if leaving the property and notify the care team.

Screening Process

- All visitors must understand the risk of unknown exposure to COVID-19 for themselves and residents and assess health before visits.

- Visitors must notify AgeCare if any symptoms arise within 14 days of visiting with a resident. Entry may be refused if there is reason to believe an individual is not abiding by these responsibilities.

- Risk of COVID-19 transmission increases with physical touch. Visitors must practice safe physical touch and only while wearing masks and practicing hand hygiene. Stop close contact and inform staff if residents/visitors become symptomatic.

- Risk level of physical touch for unknown exposure to COVID-19:
  - Low risk visitor may engage in safe physical touch with resident.
  - Medium risk visitor may engage in safe physical touch if resident accepts the high risk.
  - High risk physical touch is not recommended unless visitor is providing direct resident care and wearing PPE.

Time

- To ensure adequate physical distancing, we are required to control the number of people in the community at a given time.

- If the resident requires support to prepare for or be transported to the visit by a designated visitor or AgeCare staff, then visitors must notify reception at least 24-hours before their visit.

- Community walks can occur at anytime during reception hours to ensure someone is available to provide a health screening when the resident returns and/or if a designated visitor is entering the building to support the resident.

Location

- Community walks must occur beyond the property.

Staying Safe

- Please review the “Staying Safe out in the Community” One Minute of Learning.