



Friday, February 25, 2022

Dear Residents and Families,

We remain committed to providing updates to our residents, families, and staff at AgeCare. We are providing weekly updates to keep you all informed on what is happening at our communities and organization-wide.

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We hope these weekly updates are helpful. Thank you all for your continued support.





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Shout-Out to Families

To our cherished families, we want to offer our sincere gratitude for your steadfast support and enduring patience over the past two years. These have been trying times, but we are in it together, and you have not let us down. Your willingness to stay attuned to your loved ones while adhering to changes and new processes has helped keep us safe, strong, and rooted.

Indeed, you are a key part of our mission - to provide the best quality of life experience for our residents with the support of our families.

To you – we offer a deep bow of recognition and heartfelt appreciation.

COVID-19 Update

This Saturday, Albertans will learn whether or not the province will proceed with its second phase plan to lift restrictions that impact the general public but **do not apply to continuing care facilities**. If phase two is implemented, on March 1, Albertans can look forward to:

- No more indoor masking required
- No capacity limits on indoor gatherings, large venues, or entertainment venues
- Easing of all school and youth restrictions

Premier Kenney has advised that Saturday's announcement is contingent upon a downward trend in hospitalizations.

In terms of continuing care settings, all existing requirements remain in place, including continuous masking for staff and visitors. The easing of these restrictions will be addressed at a later date in the province's third phase of the plan.

Visitor Guide

As per the latest order from the Chief Medical Officer of Health (CMOH), **our continuous masking and current [Visitor Guidelines](#) remain in effect until further notice.**

Remember! Help us limit potential exposure to COVID by only visiting with your loved one – not in group settings.

Coming for a visit?

Please familiarize yourself with these guidelines.

[Download the Visitor Guide \(PDF\) -->](#)





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Outings and Overnight Stay Guide

As per the latest CMOH order, our Outings and Overnight Stay Guide has been updated.

For the safety of residents and staff, please download and follow our [Outings & Overnight Stays Guidelines \(PDF\) -->](#)

Fully Vaccinated Residents

If the absence is greater than 24 hours, fully vaccinated residents will be:

- ☐ screened for symptoms for 10 days.

If the resident develops symptoms, the resident will be immediately be placed on contact and droplet isolation and their family will be notified.

Not Fully Vaccinated Residents

If the absence is greater than 24 hours, residents who are not fully vaccinated will need to wear a mask for 10 days in common areas, except when eating or drinking. Medical masks will be provided.

In addition, the resident will be:

- ☐ screened for symptoms for 10 days, and
- ☐ rapid antigen screened on days 1, 3 and 7.

Note: Residents who have tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 21 days will not be required to be rapid antigen screened to prevent false positives.

If any rapid antigen screening result returns as positive for COVID-19 or the resident develops symptoms, the resident will be placed on contact and droplet isolation and their family will be notified.

All other [outings and overnight stay guidelines](#) remain in effect.



Get Boosted!

Vaccine effectiveness against infection may decline over time – especially with the highly transmissible Omicron variant – but they remain the best way to prevent severe illness and death. Additional doses can boost immunity to improve protection and limit spread.

Who can book?

- Anyone over the age of 18, five months after your second dose.

How to book:

- [Book online or by phone here](#) or call 811.



Visit bookvaccine.alberta.ca or call 811 to book your 3rd dose.



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Recreation Calendars

Our recreation team works hard to create engaging activities that enrich the mind, body and spirit. We are continuously looking for ways to reduce the risk of transmission while having the least impact on our residents' well-being.

Please note that communities on outbreak may have different recreation restrictions in effect. Contact your community or [sign up for email updates](#) to stay informed on the latest information.

View the Recreation Calendars for your AgeCare Community:

AgeCare Columbia	AgeCare Seton
AgeCare Glenmore	AgeCare Skypointe
AgeCare Midnapore	AgeCare Sunrise Gardens
AgeCare Orchard Manor	AgeCare Valleyview
AgeCare Sagewood	AgeCare Walden Heights

We're Hiring

Did you know AgeCare is hiring? Great opportunities for caring people. From health care aides to food services to recreation to administration and more, we are looking for dedicated and caring individuals.

If you or someone you know is looking for an exciting new opportunity, check out our careers page at www.agecare.ca/careers



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