

Keeping our Residences Safe (BC)

Summary of COVID-19 Updates & Directives as of January 11, 2022

Guidelines are rapidly changing and we are working to operationalize directives according as guided by the provincial governments and local public health units. With increasing concerns about the Omicron variant of the virus, we expect that guidelines will continue to evolve and we are committed to keeping you informed every step of the way.

Summary of Sienna Directives for BC

The government has implemented a number of updated directives aimed to protect residents from COVID-19. We will at minimum, meet all of those directives and in many cases exceed those measures where we know it will help keep our residences safe. We cannot thank you enough for supporting us and following the protocols we have in place. The table below summarizes what you can expect from any Sienna care residence. **Note: residences in outbreak situations follow guidance from Public Health and may implement additional precautions.**

Directive	Sienna BC LTC Protocol	Sienna BC RET Protocol
Number of visitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Essential Visitors: Residents can have any number of essential visitors, but only one essential visitor can visit at a time. • Social Visitors: One designated social visitor permitted per resident, visits permitted once rapid testing is available. Note: this may be limited or restricted in outbreak situations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Essential Visitors: Residents can have any number of essential visitors, but only one essential visitor can visit at a time. • General Visitors: No limit to the number of visitors indoors or outdoors, based on space capacity limits. Note this may be limited or restricted in outbreak situations.
Visitor COVID-19 vaccinations (1 st and 2 nd doses)	All visitors must be fully vaccinated to enter, with exception of end-of-life visits, medical exemptions and children under 12 years old (visitors may be limited in outbreak situations).	
COVID-19 vaccine (3 rd dose)	Strongly recommended that all eligible individuals receive a third dose.	
Rapid testing (team members)	Team members may be rapid tested if they are unvaccinated due to medical exemption, have been directed by the Medical Health Officer , or on a case by case basis depending on risk.	
Rapid testing (Visitors)	All visitors will be required to produce a negative rapid antigen test result prior to every visit, in addition to being fully vaccinated, beginning on or after January 7, 2022.	Visitors are not required to undergo any rapid testing.
Group Sizes and Entertainment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dining: residents cohorted for meals (by home area in LTC and consistent dining groups in RET). • No singing indoors, entertainment masked and socially distanced. • Indoor social events/gatherings (e.g., musical performances) may include residents and staff across units/floors, but not include family/friends. • Outdoor social events/gatherings (e.g., barbecues) may include fully immunized family/friends according to group sizes determined by Public Health Order. 	
Social Outings/ Overnight Outings and Day Absences	Highly recommended that residents are fully vaccinated to partake in any outings from the residence, however all outings are highly discouraged. LTC residents who do not pass screening or have a known COVID-19 exposure must self-isolate upon return to the care community.	

Return/Transfer/ Admission	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fraser Health: testing and isolation determined on a case-by-case basis.• Interior Health: Vaccinated residents have no requirement to test or self-isolate, unvaccinated residents must isolate for 14 days upon admission.
PPE - N95 masks	N95 masks are available to be used based upon risk assessment, for aerosol generating medical procedures, for suspected or confirmed COVID-19 cases, or as directed by the Health Authority.

*Changes from the prior version are highlighted in red