

Keeping our Residences Safe (Ontario)

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 Ontario

The government has announced 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 Ontario LTC Protocol	Sienna Ontario RET Protocol
Number of Visitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>General visitors</i> are not permitted • <i>Essential caregivers</i> are permitted to visit two at a time (this may be reduced or limited in outbreak situations) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>General visitors</i> are asked to limit their visits to the residence, but can visit 2 at a time in non-outbreak situations • <i>Essential visitors</i> are permitted to visit 2 at a time (this may be limited in outbreak situations)
Visitor COVID-19 vaccinations (1 st and 2 nd doses)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>General visitors</i> are not permitted • <i>Caregivers</i> who have their first dose of vaccine can continue to visit and have until February 21, 2022 to be fully vaccinated. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>General visitors</i> must be fully vaccinated and must show photo identification with proof of vaccination, but we ask that you consider limiting your visits. • <i>Caregivers</i> are permitted regardless of vaccination status.
COVID-19 vaccine (3 rd dose)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Team Members, volunteers, students and service providers must have their third dose by March 14, 2022 • Caregivers must have their third dose by May 23, 2022 	Strongly recommended that all eligible individuals receive a third and fourth dose.
Rapid testing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Team members, students, volunteers and caregivers must produce a negative rapid antigen test result at least 2 times per week • Support workers must produce a negative rapid antigen test result prior to entry, taken on the day of visit or the previous day 	
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) • Social gatherings: maximum of 5 individuals indoors and 25 outdoors, or per PHU guidance • No singing indoors, entertainment masked and socially distanced • Performance and entertainers allowed outdoor with visitor adherence; maximum 10 people • Personal services (hairstyling) must align with provincial directives to operate at 50% capacity 	
Social Day Outings	Social day outings for residents have been paused, regardless of vaccination status, however essential outings (e.g. to a medical appointment) are permitted and require twice weekly PCR testing or daily rapid testing	Highly discouraged.

Overnight outings	Social overnight outings on hold – readmission required if resident leaves	Highly discouraged. If the resident has been exposed to a known COVID-19 case during their absence, they must be tested for COVID-19 with a PCR test on return to the residence and isolated. A second negative COVID-19 PCR test result collected on day 7 is required to discontinue isolation. Alternatively, the resident must isolate on Droplet and Contact precautions and demonstrate negative antigen POCT results from days 6 and 7.
Day Absences	Active screening and PCR test day 3 of return, however resident will be isolated and PCR tested on day 1 and 7 if a known exposure	Essential day absences. Active screening upon return and following public health guidelines if a known exposure
Return/Transfer /Admission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From healthcare setting: Provided no known outbreak or exposure – PCR upon admission and release from isolation if negative; enhanced screening for 10 days. • From non-healthcare setting: PCR on days 1 and 7, then release from isolation if both negative; enhanced screening for 10 days 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fully Vaccinated: PCR upon admission and release from isolation if negative • Partially vaccinated: isolation for minimum 10 days with PCR test on Day 8. If no test taken, resident remains on isolation until Day 14 • Recently Covid Recovered: No PCR within 30 days of diagnosis. No isolation required
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 Public Health	

*Changes from the prior version are highlighted in red