



## Updated Visitation Guidelines at Weinberg Residence - July 19, 2021

Dear Weinberg Families and Visitors,

As the number of active outbreaks in Long-Term Care and Senior's Assisted Living residences have significantly decreased since the vaccination efforts by Vancouver Coastal Health, we are pleased to share new visitation guidelines with you. These new guidelines will improve the quality of visits and our resident's ability to connect with their loved ones while still upholding infection prevention and control practices.

**These guidelines will be in effect as of July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021.**

**For visits on or after July 19<sup>th</sup>:**

There is no longer a requirement to schedule visits in advance

Visits may occur during visiting hours from **9:00am to 9:00pm daily**

- There is **no longer a limit on the number of visitors** a resident can have during a single visit, nor a limit on the number of visits they may have in a day or a week
- Visitors will still be required to be screened for signs and symptoms of illness including COVID-19 prior to entering Weinberg
- **Screening will continue at the Weinberg Courtyard Entrance. For visits after 6:00pm, please go to the Louis Brier entrance for screening prior to entering the Weinberg Courtyard entrance. For access to the building Multi-Level Care (MLC) visitors should call 604-261-9622 Ext. 3351, and Assisted Living visitors Ext. 5662**
- All visitors will still be asked to limit movements throughout the building, to help limit contact with other residents
- Visitors are welcome to access public outdoor spaces while keeping distance from other residents for safety reasons

**restricted or suspended until outbreak precautions are lifted by the medical health officer (MHO)**

**The essential visitor policy remains in effect.**

**Vaccination and Masks:**

As a protective measure and to reduce the risk for re-introduction and spread of COVID-19:

It is strongly recommended that all visitors be **fully immunized against COVID-19** (two doses of the vaccine with the second dose received a minimum of two weeks prior to their visit). Visitors will be required to **provide proof of immunization for COVID-19** before their visit. **Please remember to bring proof of vaccination in order to have it recorded.** Operators are expected to maintain a list of visitor vaccination status and provide to public health if required.

You can register for health gateway at <https://www.healthgateway.gov.bc.ca/>. It is a secure provincial database where you, public health, and your doctor can access your health records including a digital version of your COVID-19 immunization records

**Fully immunized visitors** will be required to wear a medical mask while moving through the facility but are not required to wear a mask while in direct contact with the resident they are visiting

**Those who do not have proof of immunization will be required to wear a medical mask during their entire visit, including when in direct contact with the resident they are visiting.**

**Outings, Dining and Group Recreation Activity:**

- Visitors will NOT be permitted to attend **indoor** recreational or social programs at this time

Visitors may attend **outdoor** recreational and social programs, space and number limited

Residents are encouraged to leave Weinberg for social outings, including family visits and activities, and are not required to isolate upon return

Residents are permitted to go on overnight visits if they choose, and are not required to isolate upon return

Assisted Living residents can resume having overnight visitors in their suites

**Volunteers:**

criteria are met:

All volunteers are required to be **fully immunized against COVID-19** and **provide proof of vaccination**

All volunteers are familiar with the responsibilities and expectations regarding outbreak prevention, detection, and management in Weinberg.

As the province moves through the next phase of our pandemic and restart plan, we will continue to work closely with the health authority in order to provide you with the most up to date directions and protocols.

Thank you for your ongoing support. For questions or concerns, please contact me at [vtrester@weinbergresidence.com](mailto:vtrester@weinbergresidence.com) or the Visitation Assistants at 236-788-8744.

Sincerely,

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