Babcock Community Care Centre

Outdoor Visiting Guidelines

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the health and safety of our residents, families, staffs, and visitors remains our top priority. The presence of family and friends is an important source of mental and emotional strength for our residents and we recognize that nothing replaces an *in-person* visit. The following guidance supports safe, socially distanced enhanced outdoor visits.

What you need to know:

- Outdoor visits are available to be scheduled only if our Home is not in outbreak.
- Visits will be pre-scheduled: Please call Nicole Hopper to learn more about booking a timeslot. We are currently able to provide visitation every Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday between the hours of 11 am to 7pm. This will start June 27th.
- We will do our best to accommodate requests, however we also need to ensure every family has an opportunity to visit. Frequency of visits will be based on equitable access.
- One family member at a time/visit. POA/SDM will determine who visits if the resident does not have a preference.
- Visiting timeslots will be scheduled for 30 minutes each.
- Visitors must be 18 years or older to ensure precautions are followed.
- Visitors must provide proof of a negative covid screening test that has been taken within 2 weeks of the visitation date at the home. This must be provided prior to visiting the resident.
- All visitors will be actively screened, including temperature checks (does not apply to window or drive-by visits).
- o For everyone's safety, anyone who is on self-isolation, has flu-like symptoms, is being tested or positive for COVID-19 are not to visit at the home.
- Personal protective equipment (PPE e.g. masks) will be provided and required, along with hand hygiene. Family is encouraged to bring their own masks to help save our supply of PPE for staff.
- o Except for service dogs, animals should not accompany visitors.
- Visits are currently accommodated in the North Wing Patio area only.
- Visits may be cancelled due to inclement weather and in the event the resident is not feeling well, the home is unable to staff the visit, the home's supply of PPE is low and/or the home is under precautions due to a suspect or confirmed outbreak. We will do our best to give advance notice of any cancellations when possible.
- Please note, if the outdoor visiting guidelines are not followed, and the resident develops COVID-19 related signs/symptoms, they will require swabbing and be placed in self-isolation for up to 14 days.
- Any non-adherence to these rules could be the basis for discontinuation of visits at the discretion of the home's Administrator.

During the visit:

- Family visitor must wear appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) as instructed by staff i.e. keep face mask on at all times.
- Follow hand hygiene (handwashing or use of hand sanitizer) procedures. Perform when entering/exiting the facility and when entering/leaving the designated visiting area
- Staff will escort you to the designated visiting location
- o Family member is to stay behind the lines / table within the designated visiting area to maintain social distancing of 6 feet. Please do not visit with other residents that may be outside in other areas of the home.
- o Please do not pass along anything, such as food or letters, to your loved one or staff.
- The staff member will supervise the visit from inside the home (looking out the exit window) if the resident is determined to be safe to leave in the chair / w/c supervised from a distance. If the resident is not determined to be safe to be left alone from a distance, the staff member will remain with the resident throughout the visit.
- o Always keep minimum distance of six feet from others, including your loved one

Families/friends will be asked to not arrive until 5 minutes before their scheduled visit so that they are not crossing paths with others who may be visiting.

Steps for Visitors:

- Go to the front entrance
- Undergo active screening with successful pass result, providing proof of a negative covid test result
- Clean hands using hand sanitizer
- o The staff member will take the visitor to the outdoor visiting area
- A surgical/procedural mask will be provided for the visit if the visitor does not have their own to wear. Wear a mask at all times
- o Do not bring pets or any outside beverages or food
- Any packaged items that you would like to leave for your resident should be left with the Screener as per current process
- Do not physically embrace with your loved one. Please ensure that you are following physical distancing guidelines and remaining within designated area.
- After blowing nose, touching eyes, mouth, coughing or sneezing and at the conclusion of the visit, clean hands with hand sanitizer
- o Exit the home's property at the conclusion of the visit.

COVID Testing Centres in London:

Carling Heights Optimist Community Centre 656 Elizabeth St., London Mon to Sun 11am to 7pm

Oakridge Arena 825 Valetta St., London Mon – Fri 9am to 5pm

PPE (masking)

First use provided hand sanitizer on your hands

- Place mask over nose and under chin
- Secure ties, loops or straps
- Mould metal piece to your nose bridge
- For respirators, perform a seal-check





HAND HYGIENE

To clean hands properly, rub all parts of the hands and wrists with an alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water. Pay special attention to fingertips, between fingers, backs of hands and base of the thumbs.



