

April 15, 2021

UPDATE: Bethania Family Visitor Tests Positive for COVID-19

Dear Residents and Families:

Yesterday afternoon, a designated family visitor informed us they just received notice that they tested positive for COVID-19. They had previously visited their Resident on April 6th, 7th and 9th.

In the following discussion, they assured us they wore their PPE and had no specific contact with other staff or Residents during their visits.

We have put the Resident in question on orange zone precautions and he has been swabbed for testing, As per protocol, he will be tested again on April 23rd. This Resident resides on North and has had both his COVID vaccinations.

The Resident dines in the satellite area so his dining partner at the table will also be put on Orange Zone precautions and would be tested if Resident one receives a positive test result or he shows any symptoms. The family of this second Resident has been contacted.

All staff providing care for the Resident on those dates will be notified for further instructions, will self monitor and be offered rapid asymptomatic testing.

We expect that the risks of transmission from the visitor to either their Resident or our staff are very low. As this is not a staff or resident case, we are not considered in outbreak and designated family visiting will continue, unless the Resident or a staff member tests positive.

This incident demonstrates the **critical importance** of family visitors answering all the screening questions truthfully and not visiting if you have any symptoms related to COVID-19. You may bring a food or drink item for your resident only to eat during your visit but do not eat or drink yourself as your mask must remain on at all times.

As a reminder, the screening questions are:

- 1. In the past 14 days, have you returned from travel outside of Manitoba ?
If yes, have you self-isolated for 14 days?**



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2. **In the past 14 days, have you had exposure to a confirmed case of Covid-19? Or currently have someone within your household awaiting Covid-19 test results?**
3. **In the past 14 days, have you been instructed to self-isolate?**
4. **In the past 14 days, have you had:**
 - **New onset of any of the following symptoms: fever/chills, cough, sore throat/hoarse voice, shortness of breath/breathing difficulties, loss of taste or smell, vomiting or diarrhea (more than 24 hours).**
 - **New onset of two or more of the following symptoms: runny nose, muscle aches, fatigue, conjunctivitis (pink eye), headache, skin rash of unknown cause, nausea or loss of appetite.**

Please share this memo with your other designated family caregiver and other indoor visiting family for reference, and stay updated by checking our website on a regular basis www.bethania.ca.

Finally, we encourage you as always to get a COVID-19 vaccination.

Should you have any questions on the above, please email general.inquiries@bethania.ca or contact Doris Furtado, Director of Care at doris.furtado@bethania.ca

Sincerely,

Gary J. Ledoux, CEO,

The Bethania Group