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To: residents, family members and staff,

Keeping our residents, staff and the community safe from COVID-19 is our top priority at the SHA. Due to a substantial increase in COVID-19 transmission in Saskatoon and surrounding area, including recent exposures in Long Term Care settings, all Long Term Care homes in Saskatoon will be required to increase family presence restrictions.

Starting September 9, 2021, visitor/family presence is temporarily limited to Level 1 family presence.

The levels of family presence will continue to be reviewed in Saskatoon weekly and safety indicators will be closely monitored with the goal of returning to Recovery Phase family presence as soon as it is safe to do so. We will keep you updated on changes as they occur.

Level 1 family presence means:

- Two essential family/support persons can be designated for each resident.
- One person present at a time indoors. No limit on persons present at a time outdoors.
- **NOTE:** For end-of-life or palliative care; more than two essential family/support persons can be designated and two essential family/support persons can be present at the same time

We will continue to:

- ask everyone to complete [health screening](#) and perform hand hygiene before they enter our home;
- offer rapid COVID testing (results available in 15 minutes) to those who come to our home;
- strongly encourage full vaccination, mask use and social distancing; and
- monitor local spread of the virus.

Our goal is to return to Recovery Phase family presence as soon as it is safe to do so.

Recovery Phase visitor/family presence means:

- No limits on the number of essential family/support persons or visitors designated for each resident.
- No limit on the amount of family/support persons or visitors that can be present at a time for indoor or outdoor visits.
- Screening is required before you enter and mask use is strongly encouraged.
- Timing of in-person visits may be subject to scheduling limitations of the home.
- Larger groups need to schedule the use of common areas before they come.

Please reach out to us if you have any further questions, suggestions or concerns.

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Enclosure: [Family Presence At-a-Glance in Long Term Care](#)