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**To:** Staff, Families and loved ones of Samaritan Place      **From:** Sharon Koop, Spiritual Care & Mission  
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**Date:** July 9, 2021

## **Changes to Family Presence at Samaritan Place on July 11, 2021**

We know that July 11 is a day that many have been looking forward to for a very long time, and we celebrate the reunion of residents/companions with family and friends. The health and safety of our staff, residents, companions, family and visitors remains our number one priority, and offer the following guidelines:

1. **Our visiting hours will remain the same: 11 am until 7 pm.** (End of life visits have no time restrictions.)
2. **There will be no limit to the number of visitors** that a resident/companion can have at one time.
3. **All visitors will continue to be screened upon arrival.** We will take your temperature, ask you screening questions and educate you on proper hand hygiene. Medical grade masks will be available for visitor use. Temperature screening is no longer required as you exit.
4. Though mask use is not required for visitors, **mask usage is strongly recommended in our home**, especially when physical distance cannot be maintained. This is even more important for those residents/companions and visitors who are not fully vaccinated. **Staff must continue to wear mask at all times within our home.**
5. **COVID-19 rapid tests are available any time in our home.** Please ask the screener upon arrival if you wish to be tested. The test time is approximately 20 min.
6. **Visitors are welcome to accompany residents/companions to visit in the gardens or courtyard.** Please ensure distance is maintained from other individuals or groups. (Avoid joining groups of people together.) At this time we are not booking or encouraging indoor common spaces for visiting. Please consider mask usage and distance as you move through the halls and common areas.

7. **Outing Notification form is still required in order to ensure tracking.** This should be submitted to [reception@samaritanplace.ca](mailto:reception@samaritanplace.ca) 48 hours in advance, when possible. A copy of the form is found on our website.
8. **Visitors are welcome to eat or drink with their resident/companion.** Please maintain physical distancing with others while eating and drinking.
9. **Items brought in for the residents/companions will continue to be sanitized or isolated** before delivery. Paper products are exempt from this rule.
10. **At this time we are awaiting resumption of volunteer services and appointment of clergy in order to celebrate Mass.** Until that time, we will continue streaming services.

For the last 16 months we have worked hard, caring for isolated residents/companions. While we welcome the lifting of restrictions, it creates some anxiety and hesitation within our staff and our home. COVID 19 still poses a real threat and we ask that as you live your life, you keep your loved one and everyone at Samaritan Place in mind. We ask that you think about your movements when you are here visiting and how you can minimize the risk of infection. Transmission can still occur in non-symptomatic, vaccinated people.

Please call or email if you have any questions or concerns of any kind.



*Love and kindness are never wasted. They always make a difference.  
They bless the one who receives them, and they bless you - the giver.*

*Barbara de Angelis*