

Dear Resident/Family,

COVID-19 activity is on the rise in Manitoba.

We are continuing to take every precaution to ensure the safety of our personal care home residents and to prevent the spread of COVID-19 within our facilities. With increased COVID-19 activity – and the presence of highly infectious variants – we need to increase protection for our most vulnerable Manitobans.

This includes:

- A third dose of the COVID-19 vaccine is now available to all PCH residents and health care workers. This booster dose offers additional protection to residents and staff who were vaccinated approximately six months ago;
- Continued screening of all staff and visitors before entry; and
- Vigilant infection prevention and control protocols including use of personal protective equipment, proper hand hygiene, physical distancing, etc.

In addition, effective **Monday, November 15, 2021**, all personal care homes in Manitoba will require designated family caregivers to show proof of full vaccination in order to continue in this role. Proof of vaccination will be requested prior to entry.

If a designated family caregiver is not fully vaccinated, they will continue to be able to visit with the resident but must follow the guidelines in place for unvaccinated general visitors. This means making an appointment to visit in the visitation shelter.

If this applies to you, please connect with the PCH for details on how to make an appointment.

We understand this change may create some frustration however we are continuing to make every effort to maintain important socialization and recreational activities for our residents while ensuring we take every opportunity to protect them from COVID-19.

Thank you for your understanding. If you have questions, please refer to the frequently asked questions document or reach out to us directly. Please call 204-326-2206 to be directed to Tannis Nickel or Lorraine Friesen.

Sincerely,

David Driedger, CEO