



Update for Families May 5, 2022

Luther Home is pleased to announce further changes to Resident Visitation and Social Leaves. While COVID-19 remains a risk to the health and wellness of our Residents, the recent administration of the second booster (4th dose) of COVID Vaccine, for our Residents, will allow for a phased loosening of pandemic related restrictions at Luther Home. **We recognize that COVID infections remain high in the community, so we ask that you do not visit Luther Home or arrange a social leave if you are symptomatic. If you have tested positive for COVID, you must wait until you are symptom free and at least ten days have passed since the positive test.**

The following changes will all occur on **Sunday, May 8, 2022:**

- 1. Resident Visitation will expand to include General Visitors.** All people will now be able to visit inside Luther Home. There will be no vaccination or age requirements for any visitors. All visitors will sign in, continue to be screened prior to entry, will be required to perform hand hygiene, wear a new medical mask and protective eyewear (supplied by Luther Home), and maintain physical distancing throughout the duration of their visit. Visitors must not consume food or drink during visits to ensure that masks remain in place at all times. All visits will continue to be held in the Resident's room. There will be no requirements to set up a visit appointment, however, the number of visitors per Resident will be limited to two (2) visitors at one particular time. This limit may result in some visitors having to wait or return to visit at another time.
- 2. Resident Visitation hours will be increased to seven (7) days per week.** These hours will include opportunities for both day time and evening visits. The new visitation schedule is as follows:
**Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday 12:30pm - 4:45pm
and 5:30pm - 7:30pm.**



**Tuesday, Friday and Saturday 10:00am - 12:15pm and
1:00pm - 5:00pm.**

- 3. Social Leaves for Residents will be re-initiated seven (7) days per week from 9:00am to 8:00pm.** Resident Social Leaves will be limited to three (3) hours in length. The person escorting the Resident on the leave can be a General Visitor or a Designated Family Visitor. There are no vaccination requirements for either the Resident or the person escorting the Resident on the leave. While 24 hours notice is no longer required to set up a social leave, escorts must call the Nursing Station and provide reasonable notice of the leave so the Resident can be prepared. Those who escort Residents for the leave are reminded to self-screen for COVID symptoms and are to cancel the leave if anyone attending the gathering is symptomatic.

COVID-19 continues to be a significant area of focus and operational priority in our facility. We continue to take many preventative measures to reduce the risk to our Residents. We will continue to closely monitor COVID activity in our Home and in the community. Based on this activity, necessary modifications to our phased-in approach to loosening pandemic restrictions may occur.

Thank you for your understanding, patience, and support throughout the past twenty-five (25) months. We look forward to once again welcoming everyone to Luther Home.

Sincerely,

Keith Bytheway
Chief Executive Officer