



Swedish Assisted Living Residence

7230 Halifax Street, Burnaby, BC V5A 0B2

July 19, 2021

Dear Residents and Families of Swedish Assisted Living Residence:

Re: Changes to the Current Restrictions

We are pleased to announce that effective July 19, 2021, the following changes will be implemented at our site.

(Excerpt from Fraser Health presentation to Long Term Care and Assisted Living residences on July 14, 2021)

- *Family/social visitation no longer need to be schedule or book in Advance.*
- *Fully Immunized Visitors (14 days after receiving the second dose of COVID 19 vaccine) have the potential to come in contact with a number of people while in common areas/ hallways and for this reason , will be required to wear a mask while moving through the facility(common areas). Wearing a mask will not be required while in direct contact with the resident in their suite or when outdoor. Children under 2 years – no mask required. Over the age of 2 is encouraged to wear a mask if they can. 12 years and older who are not yet fully vaccinated will need to wear a mask at all times.*
- *Visitors who do not fully demonstrate that they are fully immunized are to wear a medical mask for the duration of visit. Please bring copy of **immunization ID** and reception staff can assist in photocopying information to be put in file. Regular visitors will only need to provide proof of Immunization once. If a visitor is unable to adhere to appropriate precautions, they will be excluded from visiting.*
- *Visitors still needs to be screened for signs/symptoms of illness. Including COVID 19 Swedish will continue to maintain a visitor sign in list for contract tracing purposes if necessary.*
- *Resident who is not fully immunized will need to wear a mask in common areas. Fully Immunized Visitors who are visiting a resident who is not fully immunized still needs to wear a mask while in direct contact with resident in their suite.*
- *No monitoring of visits required.*
- *Residents without suspected or confirmed COVID 19 symptoms are not required to wear medical mask when they move around the facility. This includes dining or participating in group events. No physical distancing required.*
- *Residents with suspected or confirmed COVID 19 Illness are required to wear a medical mask and required to isolate.*



- Residents supported to leave facility for outings/family visits and overnight visits, not just essential outings. Residents are encouraged to follow public health guidelines/orders while in community. Residents are not required to isolate when they return.
- Fully immunized Staff member against COVID 19 will not be required to wear a mask or eye protection unless clinically indicated. Staff who are not fully immunized will be required to wear medical mask.
- Non- essential volunteers will be allowed to return. Volunteers must be fully immunized and are expected to provide proof of full immunization.
- 14 days isolation on admission to LTC/AL facility is not required.
- Expectation of proper hand hygiene and respiratory hygiene has not changed for everyone.
- For outdoor visits, follow Primary Health Officer guidelines of no more than 50 in group. Includes residents, visitors and staff.
- Facility wide indoor gathering with **resident and staff** can occur in accordance with PHO/IPC guidance.
- Residents can visit friends and family members who live in other facilities but must follow all guidelines for Social visits.
- 16. Social visits will continue to temporarily cease if there is an active Covid19 outbreak at the facility.
- No changes to essential visits.

We want visitors to visit when screeners are available 8AM to 8PM, 7 days a week. Permissions to visit beyond that is as per approval by management. The number of people allowed to be in the building is still limited to the WorkSafe BC standards and our own policy.

Please continue to adhere to the following infection prevention and control measures when visiting:

- Visiting only when not sick
- Adhering to hand hygiene practice and respiratory etiquette
- Has not been in self-isolation as directed by Public Health
- Subject self to screening prior entering the residence
- Sign in upon entry and sign out upon leaving

We are happy that all of us are steps closer to pre-pandemic situation. The benefits these changes will bring to our residents are very important to their well-being. We will remain diligent in monitoring their health and safety, and we appreciate and thank you for your cooperation and patience throughout this trying time.

Sincerely,

Tyson Ashford
General Manager, Swedish Canadian Village