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La Rosa Gardens Family & Friends Update

Re: Visitation in Assisted Living- La Rosa Gardens per memorandum from Island Health

As announced last Thursday April 6th, 2023, and as is usual for this time of year, the annual respiratory illness season has been declared over by the Provincial Health Officer Dr. Bonnie Henry.

Additionally, we are now entering the fourth year following the declaration of the COVID-19 pandemic. Today our population has a high level of protection from severe illness from COVID-19 due to very high vaccination coverage, previous infections in most people, and circulating variants which are less likely to lead to severe disease.

As a result of this high level of protection in our population and in line with the provincial government's announcement, we are returning largely to our pre-pandemic practices for virus infection prevention and control.

Effective as of April 6th, 2023 we have made the following changes:

- Visitors will no longer be required to provide their vaccination status, and those who are unvaccinated for COVID-19 will be able to visit freely at La Rosa Gardens.
- Visitors will not be required to wear masks while visiting at La Rosa Gardens, unless specifically required based on a Point of Care Risk Assessment (assessment by a health care worker that masking is required based on the risks of infection, including a resident's symptoms, the type of interaction with residents, and the environment). Masks will still be provided upon entry for visitors' preference.
- Active screening of visitors is no longer required (in favour of passive screening – signs and reminders not to visit when sick will remain in place).
- All visitors will be required to sign themselves in/out of La Rosa Gardens upon entry and exit.
- All visitors are required to sanitize and disinfect their hands upon entry of the facility.



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At this point of time, the Provincial Health Officer's order requiring health care workers to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 remains in place.

As well, we have the continued expectation of all staff to monitor for symptoms of acute communicable illnesses, and stay away from others when ill as much as possible.

Medical Health Officers and public health staff continue to have the authority to declare outbreaks and require restrictions and measures to be implemented at their discretion.

La Rosa Gardens continues to have the resident's health, safety and well-being as our top priority. Please continue to follow our website for up to date information. We thank you all for the ongoing support and dedication to the La Rosa Garden's residents. If you have any questions please feel free to email or give us a call!

Thank you,

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