



August 21, 2020

Dear Dom Lipa Families and Friends,

We will continue with monthly updates or as needed. Please contact us with questions at info@domlipa.ca.

NO COVID-19 CASES AT DOM LIPA

We are happy to report that our residents and staff are COVID-19 free. Staff and residents continue to be vigilant and follow best practices for infection control.

RETIREMENT RESIDENT ABSENCES FROM THE HOME

Retirement home residents are permitted to leave the Home for:

1. Visits of up to 12 hours at a time, maintaining physical distancing of 2 metres and wearing a mask, without requiring Droplet and Contact Precautions for 14 days on return or
2. Absences into the community of 12 hours or more (including overnight and longer absences) with enhanced precautions for 14 days on return.

We had a meeting with all retirement residents on August 18th to discuss the expectations regarding absences. Our residents generally continue to express the desire to be safe, and to avoid visits into the community. Two residents have requested absences since the start of this new policy.

The updated policy on absences is in line with Chief Medical Officer of Health Directive #3 which addresses requirements in the **Retirement Homes** that are **co-located** with the **Long-Term Care Homes**, such as at Dom Lipa. This policy was developed with cooperation of the RHRA (Retirement Homes Regulatory Authority), TPH (Toronto Public Health), LHIN IPAC (Local Health Integration Network Infection Prevention and Control) and Dom Lipa.

Dom Lipa Retirement has the following policy and the resident and family will be asked to sign off on the agreement.

Specifically, the policy related to absences less than 12 hours, requires that residents:

- wear a face covering/mask while outside the home
- wear a mask while in **common areas inside the Home** that are **shared** with the Long-Term Care Home, such as **first floor lobby**, and **main entrance area**, if there is any risk of being within 2 metres of LTC residents or others, who are not wearing a mask.
- practice hand hygiene
- respect physical distancing as outlined by the Government of Ontario directives
- follow the Government of Ontario directives regarding group gatherings and will not participate in gatherings larger than allowed by the government
- upon return to the home, pass active screening. If the resident shows signs of illness, then the resident will follow Dom Lipa's existing 14 days Droplet and Contact Precautions and self-isolation policies.

If a resident wishes to leave for more than 12 hours, then a different policy applies. Please ask for details of the requirements for absences into the community for more than 12 hours (overnight or longer).

We continue doing our best to provide safety and comfort to all our residents as much as possible.

Thank you for your continuing support! We hope you are enjoying the end of our lovely summer.

Dom Lipa's Management