

OUR COMMITMENT . . . TO PROVIDE CHRIST-CENTRED CARE EMBRACING THE VALUES OF COMPASSION, DIGNITY, EXCELLENCE AND FAITH

May 4, 2023

Dear Families,

We just received information that on May 10, 2023, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) requirements will be lifted in most areas and the Manitoba health system will return to PPE use according to Routine Practices and Additional Precautions (RPAP).

What does this mean for Personal Care Homes? Masks will no longer be required at Salem Home.

Please note that this will only take effect on May 10, 2023.

There will be some **exceptions** as follows:

- If an area is in an outbreak, the appropriate PPE will be required for the type of outbreak.
- Residents may request that staff wear a mask while providing their care.
- Medical masks will remain available upon entry if you choose to wear one.

With the removal of the masks we ask that you continue to check your symptoms before visiting. If you are **experiencing ANY cold symptoms, please stay home** and wait until you are feeling back to normal. Please be mindful and respectful towards those that still choose to use a mask. Let's not judge, but be understanding.

We are looking forward to another good summer, with many activities and opportunities for residents to get together with their loved ones. Thank you to all who have been diligent with the mask use, following the Infection Prevention and Control recommendations. It has made a difference, as our residents have remained safe, and we want to continue to provide safe care.

Sincerely,

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