

## VISITS BY INFORMAL CAREGIVERS – COVID-19 NON-HOSPITAL SETTINGS Cold zone with droplet and contact precautions

## Visits by informal caregivers in cold zone

#### **BEFORE YOUR VISIT**

- Self-monitor for signs and symptoms (see APPENDIX 1).
- If you are showing any symptoms, cancel your visit:
  - Contact person:
- Always make an appointment before visiting the facility:
  - Entry is prohibited to anyone who is not on the appointment log.
- Limit your trips between home and the facility as much as possible:
  - Do not stop anywhere between the facility and home (e.g., grocery store or other public places or businesses).
- Between visits, limit your trips outside the home (e.g., grocery store or other public places or businesses) as much as possible:
  - In order to limit contamination, the facility should be the only place you visit.

## WHEN YOU ARRIVE AT THE FACILITY

- Leave your personal items in the car (bag, food, etc.).
- Report to the prevention agent at the front door and follow their instructions.
- Wash or sanitize hands.
- Put on a mask and keep it on the entire time:
  - The mask must cover your nose and mouth at all times.
- **Optional**: Put on safety glasses and keep them on the entire time.
- In the event of an outbreak at the facility, wash or sanitize hands again and put on safety glasses. (Ask the prevention agent, as needed.)
- Hang your coat in the designated location.
- Wash or sanitize hands.
- If you plan to bring your cellphone to the room, disinfect it with the product available at the front desk (disinfecting wipe or other product).

## ON THE WAY TO YOUR LOVED ONE'S ROOM

- Proceed directly to your loved one's room, following the route you are given by the prevention agent.
- Visit only the places authorized.
- Keep at least 2 metres away from everyone else at the facility, including staff, residents, and other visitors.

#### **BEFORE ENTERING YOUR LOVED ONE'S ROOM**

- Wash or sanitize hands.
- Put on a gown.
- Put on safety glasses (if not already on).
- Put on gloves over the gown.

## DURING YOUR VISIT

- Keep the door open during your visit (except when providing care).
- Stay in your loved one's room.
- You are not permitted to enter and exit the room during your visit.
  - If your loved one is not in their room, ask the staff to bring them back to their room for the visit.
- Ask the staff if you need personal protective equipment (PPE) during the visit.
- Keep at least 2 metres away from your loved one, except when providing care, in which case you must wear PPE according to the method you were shown:
  - Avoid hugging.
- Use only the washrooms designated by the staff.
- Change your mask if it becomes soiled or wet (ask the staff for help).
- Clean and disinfect your safety glasses if they become soiled (ask the staff for help).

#### **BEFORE LEAVING THE ROOM**

- Ask a staff member for help by pressing the call button (if there is one).
- Remove your gloves and throw them in the garbage.
- Wash or sanitize hands.
- Remove the gown and place it in the designated bag.
- Wash or sanitize hands again.

#### **Clarifications for CHSLDs:**

- → If there is no outbreak at the CHSLD: Remove the safety glasses and give them to the staff. Wash or sanitize hands.
- $\rightarrow$  If there is an outbreak at the CHSLD: Keep the safety glasses on.

## WHEN LEAVING YOUR LOVED ONE'S ROOM

- Wash or sanitize hands.
- Proceed directly to the exit, following the route you are given.
- Visit only the places authorized.
- Keep at least 2 metres away from everyone else at the facility, including staff, residents, and other visitors.

#### **BEFORE EXITING THE FACILITY**

- Wash or sanitize hands.
- Disinfect your cellphone.
- Wash or sanitize hands.
- Put on your coat.
- Wash or sanitize hands.
- If wearing safety glasses:
  - Remove the safety glasses and disinfect them;
  - Put the safety glasses in the designated location.
- Remove your mask and throw it in the garbage.
- Wash or sanitize hands.

## WHEN GOING HOME

- On your way home from the facility, do not stop anywhere (e.g., grocery store or other public places or businesses).
- Change and wash your clothes (regular wash cycle).
- On your next visit, do not stop anywhere between the facility and home.
- Self-monitor daily for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 (see APPENDIX 1).



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## **APPENDIX 1**

#### SELF-MONITORING CHART: COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

□ Asymptomatic

Date symptoms started:

YYYY-MM-DD

Symptoms associated with COVID-19				
New or worsening cough	□ Yes	□ No	🗆 Unknown	
Fever of 38°C (100.4°F) or higher Seniors: 37.8°C (100.0°F) or higher	□ Yes	□ No	🗆 Unknown	
Fever/chills (temperature not taken)	□ Yes	□ No	🗆 Unknown	
Sore throat	□ Yes	□ No	🗆 Unknown	
Runny nose	□ Yes	□ No	🗆 Unknown	
Difficulty breathing (e.g., shortness of breath or difficulty speaking)	□ Yes	□ No	🗆 Unknown	
Nausea, vomiting	□ Yes	□ No	🗆 Unknown	
Headache	□ Yes	□ No	🗆 Unknown	
Generalized weakness	□ Yes	□ No	🗆 Unknown	
Pain (muscle, chest, abdominal, etc.)	□ Yes	□ No	🗆 Unknown	
Irritability, confusion	□ Yes	□ No	🗆 Unknown	
Diarrhea	□ Yes	□ No	🗆 Unknown	
Sudden loss of smell (anosmia) without nasal congestion, with or without loss of taste (ageusia)	□ Yes	□ No	🗆 Unknown	
Other (specify):				



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## **APPENDIX 2**

#### HAND HYGIENE FOR VISITORS TO THE FACILITY FROM ARRIVAL TO DEPARTURE

Hand hygiene is man	datory each time:		
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→ Putting on your matching on Your matching $\rightarrow$ Administering care → Preparing food or → Putting on gloves	e $\rightarrow$ Blo eating $\rightarrow$ Rei $\rightarrow$ Cor	uching or removing your mask wing your nose moving gloves ntact with body fluid ng the bathroom	
AND EACH TIME YOUR HANDS COME INTO CONTACT WITH CONTAMINATED OBJECTS OR SURFACES.			
	ON ARRIVAL	According to the "Visits by informal caregivers - COVID-19" document	
	WHEN EXITING THE STAIRWELL OR ELEVATOR		
	BEFORE ENTERING THE ROOM	G	
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	WHEN EXITING THE STAIRWELL OR ELEVATOR		
	WHEN LEAVING	According to the "Visits by informal caregivers - COVID-19" document	