

Resident and Client Absences

(LTCHs and Transitional Programs)

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Thrive Group

Please continue to visit www.thrivegroup.ca for updates on COVID-19 and visiting guidelines.

For all absences:

- ◆ The individual taking the resident/client out must pass active screening upon arrival to the home.
- ◆ All residents/clients must follow the proper “sign out” process for their home.
- ◆ Residents/clients will be provided with a surgical mask to be worn at all times when outside of the home and are reminded of Public Health measures.
- ◆ Residents/clients must pass COVID screening upon re-entry to the home. (Failed screening will result in testing and isolation based on the current directives.)

Essential absences: include absences for reasons of groceries, pharmacies, and outdoor physical activity that are permitted. All residents/clients can participate in essential absences, unless the individual is in isolation and on Droplet and Contact Precautions or as directed by the local public health unit.

1. Outdoor exercise and walking on the property or neighborhood

- ◆ Residents/clients who are not required to isolate or symptomatic may leave the home to take a walk in the immediate area of the home, even if the home is in an outbreak, regardless of their immunization status.

2. Compassionate/Palliative Absences include absences for the purpose of visiting a dying loved one, regardless of vaccine status. Homes must assess these on a case-by-case basis.

- ◆ Isolation and testing based on site established protocols

3. Day Absences for social purposes are currently suspended, regardless of vaccine status.

4. Returns/Admissions/Transfers includes return to home from essential, medical (ER visit, Dr. appointment, compassionate/palliative absence)

- ◆ Isolation and testing based on site established protocols

5. Returns/Admissions/Transfers from a healthcare facility (hospital admission stay)

- ◆ Isolation and testing based on site established protocols

6. Overnight Absences are currently suspended, regardless of vaccine status.