



RESIDENTIAL VISITATION PROCEDURE

We are updating the residential visitation procedure at the instruction of the Department of Families, effective immediately.

Purpose: To prevent the spread of COVID-19 while balancing between preventative measures and the benefits of social connections for people supported and their loved ones.

Applicable: To all people visiting or gathering at any place.

Procedure for Residential Visitation to VOI Departments

There are no restrictions on the number of people who may visit indoors or outdoors at residential care facilities. However, other restrictions continue to apply.

1. All visitors must complete the screening questionnaire by using the QR code or by visiting www.voimb.ca/screeningtool before visiting indoors or outdoors.
2. All visitors must comply with infection prevention and control measures. This includes strict hand hygiene **before, during (if possible) and after** any visit and maintaining physical distancing (6 feet/2 meters apart) whenever possible. Any personal contact should be brief and kept to a minimum.

Visits may occur **only** if the visitor and the person supported:

1. have not been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19 or is being tested for COVID-19 with results pending;
2. have not been instructed to self-isolate;
3. have not travelled outside of Manitoba in the last 14 days; and
note: in some cases people may be exempt from isolating when coming to MB or returning from travel outside of MB (i.e. they are fully vaccinated). The On Call Manager and/or Shared Health can assist in confirming whether the visit can occur.
4. do not have any symptoms associated with COVID-19 (i.e. cough, fever, runny nose, sore throat, weakness or headache).



PPE

Visitors are not required to wear PPE.

Visitation to a Department with COVID-19 Case(s) or Suspected Case(s)

1. Visits will be suspended, unless critical to the supported person's wellbeing. Check with your Facility Manager or Director if you have questions about critical visits.
2. Indoor and outdoor visits may be considered in special circumstances on a case by case basis with the appropriate PPE and precautions in place.

Vaccination Status

Staff are not required to ask visitors for proof of COVID-19 vaccination. However, if all people supported living at the residence are fully vaccinated and only want fully vaccinated visitors, a special Visitation Procedure can be provided for that home. Please advise your Director if the home wishes to only allow fully vaccinated visitors. The home must meet the following requirements in order to have a specialized procedure:

1. All people supported living in the home must be fully vaccinated.
2. All people supported (or their SDM for personal care, if applicable) must agree that they only want fully vaccinated visitors.

Exemption for Fully Vaccinated CLDS Participants

People supported who attend a department that they do not normally reside at are considered "visitors". Therefore, they are required to follow the screening, physical distancing and PPE requirements that apply to all other visitors. However, people supported who are fully vaccinated are exempt from the physical distancing and PPE requirements as long as all of the home's residents are also fully vaccinated. Screening must still be done before the visit.

Managing Risk

Because the people we support are part of the vulnerable population, their health remains an important consideration. Protecting the health and well-being of the people we support and their staff remains one of our top priorities. Regular reassessment by reviewing information shared by public health officials further to the impact and evaluation of the need for adjusted visitor restrictions will be ongoing.