

## LTCH-Specific Requirements in the COVID-19 Response Framework Zones

	Green Zone Prevent	Yellow Zone Protect	Orange Zone Restrict	Red Zone Control	Grey Zone/Shutdown
<b>NON-RESIDENT TESTING (AS OF MARCH 15, 2021) – LTCH is not in outbreak and individual is not symptomatic</b>	<p><b>Staff, students and volunteers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An Antigen Test at a frequency according to the zones, set out in the <a href="#">Ministry of Health COVID-19 Guidance: Considerations for Antigen Point-of-Care Testing (1-2 times / week in Green zones and 2-3 times / week in Yellow/Orange/Red/Grey (or Shutdown) zones)</a>. <b>OR</b></li> <li>One PCR Test and one Antigen Test on separate days within a 7 day period. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If only entering the home 2 times in a week on consecutive days, or only 1 time in a week, an Antigen Test is required on the first day of entry only.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Tests must be performed as soon as practically possible after entering the home.</li> </ul> <p><b>Caregivers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Same as above however contact with residents is allowed while awaiting test results, provided the caregiver dons proper PPE according to IPAC guidelines.</li> </ul> <p><b>Support Workers and General visitors (where permitted – see Visiting Policy below):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An Antigen Test on the “day of”, unless tested the previous day (i.e. Antigen Test result is valid for 2 days).</li> <li>Must demonstrate proof of negative Antigen Test results (within last 2 days), in particular if attending multiple homes.</li> <li>Proof of negative Antigen Tests must be provided prior to gaining entry to the home.</li> </ul>				
<b>PPE (CMOH Directive #3 and other CMOH Directives as applicable)</b>	<p><b>Staff:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must wear surgical/procedure masks for the entire duration of their shift.</li> <li>When not in contact with residents or in resident areas during their breaks, staff may remove surgical/procedure mask but must remain two metres away from other staff.</li> </ul> <p><b>Essential visitors:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must wear a surgical/procedure mask while in the LTCH.</li> </ul> <p><b>General visitors (where permitted – see Visiting Policy below):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must wear cloth masks or face coverings for outdoor visits and surgical/procedure masks when indoors.</li> </ul>				
<b>OUTBREAK PROTOCOL (Directive #3)</b>	<p><b>Effective April 7, 2021:</b> An <b>outbreak</b> is defined as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>two or more lab-confirmed COVID-19 cases in residents and/or staff (or other visitors) in a home, with an epidemiological link, within a 14-day period, where at least one case could have reasonably acquired their infection in the home.</li> </ul> <p>A <b>suspect outbreak</b> is defined as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>single lab-confirmed COVID-19 case in a resident.</li> </ul> <p>Public health units will continue to be responsible for declaring an outbreak.</p>				
<b>VISITING POLICY – LTCH is not in outbreak and resident is not self-isolating or symptomatic</b>	<p><b>Essential visitors</b> are permitted to visit, including a maximum of <b>2 caregivers</b> per resident at a time.</p> <p>A maximum of 2 <b>general visitors</b> are permitted to visit a resident at a time. Homes are encouraged to schedule 1 visit from a general visitor per resident per week, for a minimum of 30 minutes. General visitors must wear a cloth mask or face covering for outdoor visits, and a surgical/procedure mask for indoor visits.</p> <p><b>All visitors</b> must be screened prior to entry.</p>		<p><b>Essential visitors</b> are permitted to visit, including a maximum of <b>1 caregiver</b> per resident at a time, and must be screened prior to entry.</p> <p><b>General visitors</b> are not permitted to visit.</p>		
<b>VISITING POLICY – LTCH is in outbreak and/or resident is self-isolating or symptomatic</b>	<p><b>Essential visitors</b> are permitted to visit, including a maximum of <b>1 caregiver</b> per resident at a time, and must be screened prior to entry.</p> <p><b>General visitors</b> are not permitted to visit.</p>				

*DISCLAIMER: This document is intended to provide a reminder of existing requirements found in applicable laws, Directives and policies. Licensees should refer to the applicable documents and laws for all requirements.*

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<p><b>ABSENCE REQUIREMENTS (CMOH Directive #3)</b> Note: Absence does not include a walk in the immediate vicinity as of April 7, 2021</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All <b>non-medical absences</b> need to be approved by the LTCH. The resident or substitute decision-maker must make an absence request to the LTCH, to be reviewed and approved on a case by case risk assessment.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Short Term</b> – Leaving the LTCH’s property for social or other reasons that does not include an overnight stay. Residents must be actively screened upon return but are not required to be tested or self-isolate.</li> <li>○ <b>Temporary</b> – Leaving the LTCH’s property for social or other reasons that includes one or more nights. Residents must be actively screened and self-isolate for 14 days upon return.</li> <li>○ <b>Medical</b> – (see Orange/Red/ Grey Zone box)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• In the event of an <b>outbreak</b> in the LTCH, all non-essential absences should be discontinued.</li> </ul>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For LTCHs located in public health unit regions with increasing/significant community transmission <b>absences are not permitted except for medical or compassionate reasons.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Medical</b> – Resident’s request to leave the LTCH’s property for medical reasons (i.e. outpatient visits, single night emergency room visit) cannot be denied. Residents must be actively screened but are not required to be tested or self-isolate upon return. Emergency room visits that take place over a single night are considered equivalent to an outpatient medical visit.</li> <li>○ If a resident is <b>admitted to the hospital</b> at any point, or <b>discharged after two or more nights</b> in the emergency room, or is <b>away from the home overnight</b> (except for a single night in the emergency room), LTCHs should follow the steps under <b>Admissions and Transfers</b> in CMOH Directive #3.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>COHORTING</b>	<p>Cohorting practices are recommended including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Providing alternative accommodation to maintain physical distancing of 2 metres</li> <li>• Resident cohorting by COVID-19 status</li> <li>• Utilizing respite and palliative care beds and rooms, and</li> <li>• Utilizing other rooms as appropriate.</li> </ul>				
<b>ISOLATION POLICY</b>	<p><b>During self-isolation or if a resident is suspected to be ill:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When in self-isolation, residents must stay in a separate room away from others under Droplet and Contact Precautions.</li> <li>• Where this is not possible, the resident may be placed in a room with no more than 1 other resident who should also be placed in isolation under Droplet and Contact Precautions.</li> </ul>				
<b>STAFF MOVEMENT BETWEEN HOMES</b>	<p>Any employee of a LTCH who performs work in the LTCH cannot also perform work:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) in another LTCH operated or maintained by the licensee;</li> <li>b) as an employee of any other health service provider (e.g. hospital); or</li> <li>c) as an employee of a retirement home.</li> </ol> <p>This may include registered nurses, registered practical nurses, personal support workers, kitchen and cleaning staff, etc. Employees that must temporarily leave another job in a care setting as a result of this order are entitled to unpaid leave of absence.</p>				