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Organizational Update

Essential Visitors

On March 17, 2020, The Ministry of Health and Long-term Care issued new directives. Effective immediately:

“Only essential visitors should be permitted to enter and must continue to be actively screened into these settings. Those who fail screening should not be permitted to enter. **Essential visitors are those who have a resident who is very ill or requiring end-of-life care.”**

Return-to-Work Policy

In regards to the travel related return-to-work policy: “Workers who have travelled and are part of workplaces that are essential to daily living are able to return to work as long as they are asymptomatic. However, they should **self-monitor** for a period of 14 days and identify themselves to their employer so that a plan can be put into place to ensure the protection of those workplaces.”

Schlegel Villages is also actively advocating to the Ministry of Health through our partners with the Ontario Long-Term Care Association and the Ontario Retirement Communities Association. We want the Ministry to direct public health agencies to prioritize COVID-19 testing to clear team members to return to work if they have not travelled but are in self-isolation because they have experienced respiratory symptoms. **Until, that changes, team members will not be able to return to work without a negative COVID-19 test or until they have completed 14 days of self-isolation and are symptom free.**

Our trusted **General Managers have final discretion** in all circumstances.