

COVID-19

Ontario Gradual Reopening Phase 3

July 15, 2020.

The Premier of Ontario and his team announced this afternoon the particulars for opening up more of the province as we continue to battle COVID-19. "Protecting our most vulnerable citizens must continue to be the top priority as Ontario enters Stage 3, and everyone will be responsible for taking the actions necessary to help contain the spread of COVID-19."

At St. Jacobs Place, the new provincial regulations under Stage 3 will have the following changes occur to the COVID-19 Pandemic Plan:

- **Dining will resume in the dining room effective Thursday, July 16th.** There will be two seatings per meal to maintain social distancing. Please see attached the seating plan including dining times and your place in the dining room. (Confidentiality restrictions will not permit this to be added on the blog)
- Residents of Retirement Homes are now permitted to leave still for up to 12 hours each day, and **now overnight IS permitted.**
- Scheduled Activities are in the process of being coordinated. To maintain infection control social distancing, common areas remain closed down at this time. The Activities will need to be signed up for in advance to limit group sizing as necessary. **More will follow about how activities will open up as the gradual re-opening is coordinated.**
- **Visitors no longer need to attest to having completed a negative COVID-19 swab test** within the last two weeks.
- Your **footcare** nurse, Camila, is beginning to offer her services once more. Please reach out to her to book appointments in the comfort of your own suite. If you would like to reach out, please let nursing know so we can pass along your telephone number to Camila so she can make arrangements with you.

Please understand there must be a end time for dining so staff can sanitize the tables and chairs to prepare for the next people to dine. Your consideration of one another is appreciated as we begin once more to enjoy each other's company over a meal. At long last groups.

Reminder that PPE (your face masks) must be worn at all times within the hallways and outside in the community, wash your hands frequently, and stay at least 6 feet apart from others.