

# FAMILY UPDATE



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Hello everyone,

This update will be all about the public health visitation guidelines announced regarding \*fully vaccinated visitors!

*\*You are considered “fully vaccinated” two weeks after your second COVID-19 immunization.*

Visitors continue to be defined by whether they are partners in residents’ care versus those who are visiting for more social reasons.

**Designated Caregivers:** a person the resident identifies as their caregiver and are on our existing list.

**General Visitors:** family and friends who visit for social reasons. Canadian out-of-province visitors are considered to be general visitors.

## FULLY VACCINATED VISITORS

- **On units:** up to two general visitors are now allowed on units, providing they have been fully vaccinated and the resident they are visiting has been vaccinated
- **Nuns’ suite:** up to two vaccinated general visitors
- **Outdoors:** up to four vaccinated visitors per resident

## UNVACCINATED VISITORS

We understand not everyone can be vaccinated for a variety of reasons. Visitors who have not been immunized can continue to book visits in the Nuns’ Suite or outdoors.

## Booking visits

The booking process remains the same for general visitors: call MP reception Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at 204-788-8440. Reminders:

- General visitors need to book ALL visits, whether indoor visits in units, in the nuns' suite or outdoors
- Current public health orders allow two vaccinated visitors or one unvaccinated visitor in the nuns' suite
- Outdoors, up to four vaccinated visitors or two unvaccinated general visitors are permissible

## Demonstrating proof of vaccination\*

Photo ID will be required along with proof of vaccination for visitors over the age of 19.

We recommend you have a secure immunization card mailed to you, rather than having to login to the portal on a device every time you visit. We aren't able to scan the QR codes made available by the province.

You can request an Immunization Card by visiting:

<https://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/vaccine/immunization-record.html>

If you do not yet have your immunization card, we will also accept a digital view or a printed copy of your Shared Health immunization record that can be accessed via:

<https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/test-results/>

Please set up one of these accounts in advance of visiting Misericordia Place.

*\*Exception: designated caregivers do not have to show proof of vaccination unless **two** designated caregivers would like to visit with a resident at the same time.*

## COVID-19 precautions

Our Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) requirements remain the same for all visitors, vaccinated or not vaccinated: eye protection and medical masks. Please also continue to ensure physical distancing and proper hand hygiene. Thank you for helping keep our residents safe!

As we slowly expand visitation, we continue to take every possible precaution to protect the health of your loved ones.

We appreciate your patience and support as we implement these new visitation guidelines!

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Taylor". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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