

## **FAMILY UPDATE**



May 3, 2023

Hello everyone,

## Changes to PPE requirements effective tomorrow

Big news!

Earlier today the province announced changes to PPE requirements. In a nutshell: it's a return to pre-pandemic guidelines, so masks and eye protection are no longer required for anyone unless we are in an outbreak or other special care situations as required.

Although the PPE changes are to be implemented no



later than May 10, Misericordia is choosing to implement them tomorrow (May 4).

That means tomorrow the "mask on" requirement for everyone will change to "mask friendly." This is a big shift as we have been wearing masks and eye protection for nearly three years!

We absolutely respect that some staff and residents may choose to continue to wear masks and we ask you kindly to do the same. Residents may also ask a mask be worn while they are receiving care.

New "mask friendly" signage will be added with our stand-alone hand sanitizer dispensers and boxes of masks at our entrances.

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I am really looking forward to seeing everyone's smiling faces again—actually, some of our new staff and families I've never even seen your faces! ©

And we can't wait to have group events for residents and loved ones with no restrictions in place—especially in our beautiful gardens.

If you have any questions or concerns, by all means give me a call, send me an email or drop by my office!

Yours sincerely,

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