

# FAMILY UPDATE



November 9, 2021

## **Proof of full COVID-19 vaccination required for designated family caregivers**

As I'm sure you are seeing in the news, COVID-19 activity is on the rise in Manitoba.

We are continuing to take every precaution to ensure the safety of our residents and to prevent the spread of COVID-19 within Misericordia Place: for example, we recently actively offered residents a third dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.

With increased COVID-19 activity – and the presence of highly infectious variants – we need to increase protection for our most vulnerable Manitobans.

This includes:

- Encouraging Misericordia Place staff to receive their third dose of the COVID-19 vaccine as soon as they are eligible: this booster dose offers additional protection to those who were vaccinated more than six months ago;
- Continued screening of all staff and visitors before entry; and
- Vigilant infection prevention and control protocols including use of personal protective equipment, proper hand hygiene, physical distancing, etc.

**In addition, effective Monday, November 15, 2021, all personal care homes in Manitoba will require designated family caregivers to show proof of full vaccination in order to continue in this role. Proof of vaccination will be requested prior to entry.**

If a designated family caregiver is not fully vaccinated, they will continue to be able to visit with the resident but must follow the guidelines in place for unvaccinated general visitors. This means making an appointment to visit in the nuns' suite.

Please understand we are continuing to make every effort to maintain important socialization and recreational activities for our residents while ensuring we take every opportunity to protect them from COVID-19.

Thank you for your understanding. If you have questions please reach out to us directly.

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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