Guiding Principles

General (Social) Visitation to PCH – According to Vaccination Status
(Latest updates will appear in blue)

Fully immunized Manitobans (those who have received both doses [any combination] of an approved two dose COVID-19 vaccine [AstraZeneca, Pfizer, Moderna], OR a single dose of an approved single dose COVID-19 vaccine [Janssen/Johnson & Johnson] with more than 14 days having passed since the second dose [or approved sole dose] was received) will now have increased social visitation to PCH, with proof of immunization.

This change will take effect June 21, 2021.

Individual facilities will continue with all infection prevention and control measures and ensures the ongoing protection of residents, staff and visitors. Variation in how this expanded visitation is implemented will occur based on the size, layout and staffing of individual facilities, in line with the following guiding principles.

- Facilities must continue to adhere to the PCH Visitation Principles: https://sharedhealthmb.ca/files/covid-19-pch-visitation-principles.pdf;
- Sites will continue to screen every visitor;
- Appropriate PPE will continue to be worn;
- Hand hygiene will continue;
- Enhanced cleaning/disinfecting will continue;
- Masks (Level 1 procedure) must be worn at all times by General Visitors. Eye protection is not required but physical distancing must be maintained from the resident.
- Residents who are able to tolerate wearing a mask should wear one for the duration of the visit;
- Physical distancing between general visitors and residents is required (if visitors are from the same household they are not required to maintain physical distancing from one another); and
- All other Routine Practices and Additional Precautions, engineering and administrative controls will continue.

Proof of Vaccination Status must be requested and confirmed:
- Proof of General Visitor vaccination status will be requested and confirmed by photo identification;
- Designated Family Caregivers are not required to provide proof of vaccination;
- General visitors must provide proof of vaccination – both doses of the COVID-19 vaccine must have been received and at least 14 days must have passed since the second dose;
- Documentation may vary according to the facility and individual visitor, however may include any one of the following:
  - Confirmation via QR code (Manitoba immunization card);
  - Paper version of Manitoba immunization card;
  - Online confirmation of vaccine record through the Shared Health Online Results Portal https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/test-results/
• Printout of vaccine record available through the Shared Health Online Results Portal [https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/test-results/](https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/test-results/)
  • Individual sites will determine ability to operationalize any one or more of the above and will communicate to resident families. Note: If individual sites are not able to operationalize QR code scanning, an alternate preferred source of proof/documentation should be clearly communicated to resident families;
  • Information related to visitors (but not vaccination status) will be retained for the purpose of contact tracing.

**Scheduling/Appointments**
  • Operators may implement regularly scheduled general visits through a booking system or designated drop-in times and provide reasonable flexibility to accommodate for varied circumstances for residents and families. Sign in-sign out process must be established for all visitors in order to support contact tracing.
  • Facilities will determine the days and times for general visitation and will communicate these to resident families.
  • Facilities will determine the maximum number of visitors permitted per resident per day.
  • Facilities will determine the maximum number of visitors to the facility at one time and/or per day.

**Designated Family Caregivers**
  • As essential partners in care, these individuals actively and regularly participate in providing care and may support feeding, mobility, personal hygiene, cognitive stimulation, communication, meaningful connection, relational continuity and assistance in decision making.
  • There is no change to the requirements or access of designated family caregivers.

**Resident Room Visits by Vaccinated General Visitors**
  • In-room visits can occur between fully vaccinated residents and fully vaccinated general visitors provided the physical space will allow for physical distancing to be maintained between the visitor and the resident.
  • If a shared room, all residents must be fully vaccinated. If a resident in the room is not fully vaccinated, another location for the visit must be identified.
  • If space will allow for more than one visitor, up to two will be permitted at a time, except for end-of-life care situations as outlined below. Physical distancing must be maintained between visitors and resident.
  • If visitors are from the same household, they are not required to maintain physical distancing from one another but must maintain distancing from the resident.
  • Masks must be worn at all times and hand hygiene performed regularly.
  • Facilities may determine the level of supervision required for visits in order to ensure physical distancing and other requirements are following. This may include requiring resident doors to remain open during visits. This is at the discretion of the facility.

**Outdoor Visits**
In addition, if the visit is taking place outdoors, with fully vaccinated general visitors, and if physical distancing can be maintained, a maximum of four general visitors per resident will be permitted at one time.

End of Life Care

- In addition, if physical distancing is able to be maintained between visitors from different households and between visitors and the resident, a maximum of two designated family caregivers, two fully vaccinated general visitors and one unvaccinated general visitor will be permitted to visit a resident receiving end of life care, at the same time.
- For clarity, this increases the number of visitors permitted at one time to five, provided they meet the criteria outlined above.