



FRED DOUGLAS
SOCIETY

Uniting Health, Heart and Home

February 12, 2021

Dear Fred Douglas Resident Families, Loved Ones and Designated Visitors;

As case counts of new COVID-19 infections continue to trend down, we understand that family and friends are eager to return to a more normal visitation process.

At this time our current practice is what we believe is necessary to keep residents and employees safe. Only designated visitors can book appointments and only one designated visitor may be in the visitation room unless both designated visitors reside in the same household. Medical grade masks and eye shields will continue to be provided for visitors and residents will continue wearing a mask. Staff continue to social distance as they are able, especially on break-times, PPE use continues and environmental cleaning takes place with cleanings at least twice daily of high-touch surfaces.

Residents will be receiving their second dose of the vaccine on February 22nd and we continue to act with caution as the new variants of the virus materialize in other jurisdictions and are now appearing in Manitoba. Fred Douglas Lodge has been admitting new residents since our outbreak was declared over. As required by Shared Health, these residents are required to remain in their room for 14 days following their admission. Unit staff are working to obtain consents for new residents admitted since the first dose was administered. Residents who did not consent for the vaccination will be consulted to see if they have changed their mind on receiving the vaccine. Not all employees have had the opportunity to receive the vaccine due to limited supply and eligibility requirements.

We will continue to reassess our visitation principles as the restrictions across the province ease, and as Shared Health updates their recommendations.

Our visitation room continues to be open 7 days/week with the first appointment starting at 10:00 AM and last appointment booking starting at 5:00 PM. Visits can be booked by calling Tatiana Morcilla at 204-586-8541 ext 123. Skype visits can also continue to be scheduled by contacting Michele Barr at 204-586-8541 ext 135.

Sincerely,

Roslyn Garofalo, CEO

Isaiah 40:31 Those who trust in the Lord will find new strength.