



**FRED DOUGLAS**  
SOCIETY

Uniting Health, Heart and Home

November 10, 2021

Dear Fred Douglas Resident Families, Loved Ones and Visitors;

Fred Douglas Lodge believes the connection of residents with their loved ones is critical to their well-being. The 2020 Christmas season was a difficult season for families & residents. With that in mind, we are making some changes to the visitation guidelines.

Effective November 15, 2021, fully vaccinated designated visitors will be permitted to take fully vaccinated residents on short term social leaves of up to 4 hours (including travel time). Families are responsible for any and all transportation needs for the social leave.

- Direct travel to the destination and return to facility is strongly recommended to minimize exposure and contacts
- The number of people in the vehicle should be minimized to those considered necessary
- Resident and all occupants of the vehicle must wear a mask
- Physical distancing and masks are required other than for purposes of eating/drinking

It is recommended that all social leaves be prearranged by contacting the Nurse on the Unit at least 24 hours in advance. Social leaves are permitted during visiting hours, with the extension of last exit by 5 PM. All residents must return by 8 PM.

In addition, fully vaccinated visitors from different households will be allowed to visit 2 at a time in the Visitation Pod. Physical distancing and adherence to the PPE guidelines need to be followed.

Due to the rising COVID case numbers in the community, we find that restrictions remain necessary. If we find that guidelines are not followed, Fred Douglas Lodge will determine next steps on a case-by-case basis.

All visiting and social leave guidelines are subject to changes based on the recommendations from Shared Health. Please contact Kerron Kidd, Acting Director of Care if you have any questions. Kerron can be reached at (204) 586-8541 ext 107 or [kkidd@fdl.mb.ca](mailto:kkidd@fdl.mb.ca).

Sincerely,

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