



**FRED DOUGLAS**  
SOCIETY

Uniting Health, Heart and Home

December 21, 2021

Dear Fred Douglas Resident Families, Loved Ones and Visitors;

COVID-19 remains a risk to the health and wellness of our personal care home residents and employees. With the emergence of the highly transmissible Omicron variant and a test positivity rate of over 9% within Winnipeg, management of Fred Douglas Society is strongly discouraging all social leaves. This is in an effort to protect your loved one, their resident neighbours and those who care for them, our employees.

For those who find it absolutely necessary to take residents out of the facility the following guidelines must be adhered to and managed by their loved ones:

- Between December 23 – January 3, fully vaccinated residents may be permitted one social leave of up to 4 hours (including travel time). Travel must be directly to and from the intended location. Families must provide the Unit with 24 hour notice of the leave.
- All individuals involved in the transportation of a resident must be fully vaccinated and a medical mask must be worn at all times in the vehicle
- All transportation requirements are to be arranged by the families
- All individuals (age 12 and up) who are physically present at the gathering must be fully vaccinated and must not have any cold/flu symptoms or symptoms commonly associated with COVID-19
- Masks must be worn except while eating and physical distancing must be maintained
- **RESIDENTS RETURNING FROM SOCIAL LEAVES WILL BE TESTED AND QUARANTINED FOR 14 DAYS** – visitation during this period is limited to pre-booked virtual visits, meals and all activities will take place in the resident's room
- Social leaves are not permitted for unvaccinated residents; alternate visitation arrangements can be booked (virtual or indoor pod visits)

Guidance from MB Health & WRHA is regularly being updated and may result in further visiting and social leave restrictions. Information can change quickly and we appreciate your cooperation as we make necessary changes to protect everyone's health and safety.

Sincerely,

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