

## LTCH-Specific Requirements in the COVID-19 Response Framework Zones

	Green Zone Prevent	Yellow Zone Protect	Orange Zone Restrict	Red Zone Control	Grey Zone
<p><b>NON-RESIDENT TESTING (AS OF MARCH 15, 2021)</b> – <b>LTCH is not in outbreak and individual is not symptomatic</b></p> <p><b>Note:</b> During the transition to the rapid Antigen Screening Test program, homes may continue to accept weekly (Orange/Red/Grey Zones) or bi-weekly negative PCR tests (Green/Yellow Zones). Homes should achieve key implementation milestones in accordance with the Minister’s Directive.</p>	<p><b>Staff, students and volunteers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An Antigen Test every other work day if at the home 3 or more times per week, up to a maximum of 3 times per week.</li> <li>• An Antigen Test on the “day of” if at the home only one or two days in a week.</li> <li>• Tests must be performed as soon as practically possible after starting a shift.</li> </ul> <p><b>Caregivers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Same as above however tests must be performed prior to contact with residents.</li> </ul> <p><b>Support workers and general visitors (where permitted – see Visiting Policy below):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An Antigen Test on the “day of” regardless of how many times at the home in a week.</li> <li>• Tests must be performed prior to contact with residents.</li> </ul>				
<p><b>VISITING POLICY – LTCH is not in outbreak and resident is not self-isolating or symptomatic</b></p> <p><b>Essential Visitors:</b> A person performing essential support services [e.g., food delivery, inspector, maintenance, or health care services (e.g., phlebotomy)] or a person visiting a very ill or palliative resident. Support workers and caregivers are types of essential visitors.</p> <p><b>General Visitors:</b> A person who is not an essential visitor and is visiting to provide non-essential services, or for social reasons.</p>	<p><b>Essential visitors</b> are permitted to visit, including a maximum of <b>2 caregivers</b> per resident at a time.</p> <p>A maximum of <b>2 general visitors</b> are permitted to visit a resident at a time. Homes are encouraged to schedule 1 visit from a general visitor per resident per week, for a minimum of 30 minutes. General visitors must wear a cloth mask or face covering for outdoor visits, and a surgical/procedure mask for indoor visits.</p> <p><b>All visitors</b> must be screened prior to entry.</p>	<p><b>Essential visitors</b> are permitted to visit, including a maximum of <b>1 caregiver</b> per resident at a time, and must be screened.</p> <p><b>General visitors</b> are not permitted to visit.</p>			
<p><b>VISITING POLICY – LTCH is in outbreak and/or resident is self-isolating or symptomatic</b></p>	<p><b>Essential visitors</b> are permitted to visit, including a maximum of <b>1 caregiver</b> per resident at a time, and must be screened.</p> <p><b>General visitors</b> are not permitted to visit.</p>				
<p><b>PPE</b></p>	<p><b>Staff:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must wear surgical/procedure masks for the entire duration of their shift.</li> <li>• When not in contact with residents or in resident areas during their breaks, staff may remove surgical/procedure mask but must remain two metres away from other staff.</li> </ul> <p><b>Essential Visitors:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must wear a surgical/procedure mask while in the LTCH.</li> </ul>				

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<b>OUTBREAK PROTOCOL</b>	<p>If at least one resident or staff develops symptoms compatible with COVID-19, the LTCH should immediately trigger an outbreak assessment and take the following steps:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Place symptomatic resident or staff in isolation under Droplet and Contact Precautions.</li> <li>2. Test symptomatic resident or staff (if still in the LTCH) immediately.</li> <li>3. Contact local public health unit to notify them of suspected outbreak.</li> <li>4. Test those residents and staff who were in close contact (i.e., shared room) with the symptomatic resident/staff and anyone else deemed high-risk by local public health unit.</li> <li>5. Ensure adherence to cohorting of staff and residents.</li> <li>6. Enforce enhanced screening measures among residents and staff.</li> </ol>				
<b>COHORTING</b>	<p>Cohorting practices are recommended including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Providing alternative accommodation to maintain physical distancing of 2 metres</li> <li>• Resident cohorting by COVID-19 status</li> <li>• Utilizing respite and palliative care beds and rooms, and</li> <li>• Utilizing other rooms as appropriate.</li> </ul>				
<b>ISOLATION POLICY</b>	<p><b>During self-isolation or if a resident is suspected to be ill:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When in self-isolation, residents must stay in a separate room away from others under Droplet and Contact Precautions.</li> <li>• Where this is not possible, the resident may be placed in a room with no more than 1 other resident who should also be placed in isolation under Droplet and Contact Precautions.</li> </ul>				
<b>STAFF MOVEMENT BETWEEN HOMES</b>	<p>Any employee of a LTCH who performs work in the LTCH cannot also perform work:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) in another LTCH operated or maintained by the licensee;</li> <li>b) as an employee of any other health service provider (e.g. hospital); or</li> <li>c) as an employee of a retirement home.</li> </ol> <p>This may include registered nurses, registered practical nurses, personal support workers, kitchen and cleaning staff, etc.</p> <p>Employees that must temporarily leave another job in a care setting as a result of this order are entitled to unpaid leave of absence.</p>				