



## **What to Expect: Personal Care Home Social Leave**

Passes to leave the facility are available to residents who qualify AND who are able to wear a medical mask for a long period of time AND who have not had any known or suspect exposure to a communicable (contagious) illness.

In order to maintain the safety of our residents and those supporting them (family and staff) we recommend adhering to public health guidelines of remaining at home with only members of your household while the province is under Code Red/Critical Status.

In the event you choose to remove your loved one from a Personal Care Home for a visit this season please be aware that additional parameters are in place regarding social leaves and leave durations will last a maximum of two hours at this time.

### **Before a pass is granted:**

- The resident or their loved one must make arrangements with the care team at least 2 business days before the resident is scheduled to leave the facility.
- On the day the resident is to leave facility, the person meeting them must pass screening for COVID-19 and not have any other contagious illness.
- If the resident is going to a private home, the person meeting the resident must speak on behalf of all members of the household when screening for COVID-19.
- Passes are to be kept to a minimum; recommended up to 2 times weekly for up to 2 hours each.

### **During the resident's time off-site:**

- No more than two people should be in a vehicle with the resident.
- Those people in the vehicle must wear masks and pass COVID-19 screening\*.
- The resident must wear a medical mask (supplied by the facility) at all times when close to others except when eating. Perform hand hygiene and replace masks after removal i.e. eating/drinking.
- Residents and visitors must regularly clean hands for a minimum of 15 seconds.
- Physical distancing of 6ft/2m must be observed wherever possible.
- The resident's escort and/or people they are visiting must wear their own, non-medical mask, at all times when close to the resident.
- There should be direct travel to the destination for the pass and back to facility, with no stops in between.
- If the resident or any member of the party begins to feel unwell during the outing they must be immediately returned to the facility.

*\*A pass will not be granted to any resident who cannot wear a mask or who is to visit a person who cannot wear a mask for medical reasons.*

### **Upon return to the facility:**

Both resident and driver or escort will be screened for potential exposure. The driver may be contacted by phone if not entering the facility. <https://sharedhealthmb.ca/files/covid-19-ipc-guidance-for-pch.pdf>