

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>NON-RESIDENT TESTING (AS OF MARCH 15, 2021) – LTCH is not in outbreak and individual is not symptomatic</p> <p>Note: 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>Staff, students and volunteers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • An Antigen Test on the “day of” if at the home only one or two days in a week. • Tests must be performed as soon as practically possible after starting a shift. <p>Caregivers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Same as above however tests must be performed prior to contact with residents. <p>Support workers and general visitors (where permitted – see Visiting Policy below):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An Antigen Test on the “day of” regardless of how many times at the home in a week. • Tests must be performed prior to contact with residents. 				
<p>VISITING POLICY – LTCH is not in outbreak and resident is not self-isolating or symptomatic</p> <p>Essential Visitors: 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>General Visitors: A person who is not an essential visitor and is visiting to provide non-essential services, or for social reasons.</p>	<p>Essential visitors are permitted to visit, including a maximum of 2 caregivers per resident at a time.</p> <p>A maximum of 2 general visitors 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>All visitors must be screened prior to entry.</p>	<p>Essential visitors are permitted to visit, including a maximum of 1 caregiver per resident at a time, and must be screened.</p> <p>General visitors are not permitted to visit.</p>			
<p>VISITING POLICY – LTCH is in outbreak and/or resident is self-isolating or symptomatic</p>	<p>Essential visitors are permitted to visit, including a maximum of 1 caregiver per resident at a time, and must be screened.</p> <p>General visitors are not permitted to visit.</p>				
<p>PPE</p>	<p>Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must wear surgical/procedure masks for the entire duration of their shift. • 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. <p>Essential Visitors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must wear a surgical/procedure mask while in the LTCH. 				

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>General Visitors (where permitted – see Visiting Policy above):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must wear cloth masks or face coverings for outdoor visits and surgical/procedure masks when indoors. 				
OUTBREAK PROTOCOL	<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"> 1. Place symptomatic resident or staff in isolation under Droplet and Contact Precautions. 2. Test symptomatic resident or staff (if still in the LTCH) immediately. 3. Contact local public health unit to notify them of suspected outbreak. 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. 5. Ensure adherence to cohorting of staff and residents. 6. Enforce enhanced screening measures among residents and staff. 				
COHORTING	<p>Cohorting practices are recommended including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing alternative accommodation to maintain physical distancing of 2 metres • Resident cohorting by COVID-19 status • Utilizing respite and palliative care beds and rooms, and • Utilizing other rooms as appropriate. 				
ISOLATION POLICY	<p>During self-isolation or if a resident is suspected to be ill:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When in self-isolation, residents must stay in a separate room away from others under Droplet and Contact Precautions. • 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. 				
STAFF MOVEMENT BETWEEN HOMES	<p>Any employee of a LTCH who performs work in the LTCH cannot also perform work:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) in another LTCH operated or maintained by the licensee; b) as an employee of any other health service provider (e.g. hospital); or c) as an employee of a retirement home. <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>				