

March 23, 2020

COVID19: Restriction for Residents Leaving Home; RNAO Linking Students with LTC Homes for PSW Services and Other Ministry Updates

Dear Residents' Councils and Long-Term Care Team Members,

Yesterday, the Ministry of Health issued another directive through Dr. David Williams, the Chief Medical Officer of Health. The following precautions and procedures need to be implemented immediately to provide heightened safety for residents.

- Residents of long-term care homes should not be permitted to leave the home for short-stay absences to visit family and friends. Instead, residents who wish to go outside of the home should remain on the home's property and maintain safe social distancing from any family and friends who visit them. Detailed MOLTC directive here:
<http://www.ontarc.com/documents/MOHLTC/20200323CMOHDirective3-Long-TermCareHomes.pdf>
- Wherever possible, employers should work with employees to limit the number of different work locations that employees are working at, to minimize risk to patients of exposure to COVID-19. March 19, 2020 MOLTC here:
<http://www.ontarc.com/documents/MOHLTC/20200323CMOHEMemoHealthWorkerrIllnessandReturntoWork.pdf>

RNAO Linking Students with LTC Homes for PSW Services

RNAO (The Registered Nursing Association of Ontario) is leading a program to link nursing students in their 2nd, 3rd, and 4th year with LTC homes to provide PSW services starting the week of March 23. If your home needs PSWs, contact Daniel Lau (dlau@rnao.ca) who will be the conduit in providing a nursing student for your home to work as a paid PSW position.

March 23, 2020 - Long-Term Care Home Placements for Patients in Hospitals

The Ministry of Long-Term Care is aware that hospitals are experiencing severe capacity pressures as a result of the COVID-19 emergency. In order to alleviate these pressures, the Ministry is suspending the short-stay program in Ontario Regulation 79/10 (O. Reg. 79/10) made under the Long-Term Care Homes Act, 2007 (LTCHA) until further notice.

- [Policy: COVID 19 Emergency Measures](#)

March 22, 2020 Social Distancing Posters

As part of Ontario's continued efforts to help keep residents and staff safe, please use the attached posters in your facilities to raise awareness on social distancing to help stop the spread of COVID-19.

- [MLTC COVID-19 8.5 x 11 English Poster](#)
- [MTLC COVID-19 8.5 x 11 French Poster](#)
- [MLTC COVID-19 11 x 17 English Poster](#)
- [MLTC COVID-19 11 x 17 French Poster](#)

March 20, 2020 - Memo and Q&As: Amendments made to Ontario Regulation 79/10 under the Long-Term Care Homes Act, 2007.

Effective March 20, 2020 amendments were made to Ontario Regulation 79/10 under the Long-Term Care Homes Act, 2007 to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. Please review the attached documents.

- [Ministry of Long-Term Care Memo Amendments to Ontario Regulation 79 10](#)
- [Q&As Urgent Amendments to Ontario Regulation 79 10 March 20 2020](#)