

## Site Leader Completes a Case Review for Partially/ Unvaccinated Visitor

- As outlined in the [Ministry of Health – Overview of Visitors in Long-Term Care and Seniors’ Assisted Living](#) guidance, exceptions regarding vaccination requirements (for partially or unimmunized individuals) may be considered on a case by case basis if the visitor has an approved medical exemption, is a child under the age of vaccine eligibility and/or the reason for the visit with a resident is for compassionate reasons such as end of life.
- Individual review of the case will include determining that the visit is related to compassionate care (including critical illness, palliative care, hospice care, end-of-life and medical assistance in dying).

- Does the resident have a critical illness; a significant life threatening condition/health change event? (A condition that could reasonably be expected to have significant complications in the next 12-24 hours i.e. sepsis, stroke, or myocardial infarction requiring interventional procedure.)
- Is the resident’s condition considered end-of-life and death is anticipated as imminent? (Palliative Performance Scale (PPS) of 30% or less, minimal intake, totally bed bound.)
- Does the resident have plans for a medically assisted death?

If the answer is **YES to any/all** of the points above, the resident meets the eligibility for end-of-life visits:

### Visit is Permitted

Site Leader determines the reason for the visit is related to compassionate care and the visitor has met the approved exception requirements.

If the answer is **NO to all** of the points above, the resident does not meet the eligibility for end-of-life visits:

### Visit is NOT Permitted Indoors

Site Leader determines that according to the case review criteria an exemption to mandatory vaccination does not apply.

**Do not proceed** – case conference with clinical team including social work to explore alternate opportunities for family to connect virtually.

Visits are permitted **outdoors** – if resident’s clinical status/comfort, physical space and weather permit.

## Actions for Site Leadership

Interview visitor prior to permitting an in-person visit:

- Complete screening questions for exposure and symptoms.
- Draft a safety plan in advance and share details with visitor:
  - o Consideration of physical environment — resident should be in a private room/space
  - o Staff resources
  - o Up-to-date clinical profile/personal service plan of resident (*\*additional considerations may be required for staff during a resident’s final hours*).

### Safe to Proceed

- Designate staff member to take the lead and schedule visit in advance if possible
- Follow Infection Prevention and Control Protocols: partially/unvaccinated visitors must keep medical-grade masks on at all times, maintain excellent hand hygiene and maintain physical distance from care team members, other residents and other visitors.

## Supporting the Visit Inside the Facility

### Complete Screening Process

Greeter will screen visitor prior to permitting entry into facility:

- Complete Screening questions for exposure and symptoms
- Validate vaccination exception documentation and/or safety plan with visitor ID
- Direct visitor to perform hand hygiene and put on clean medical-grade mask
- Perform temperature check
- Collect visitor information for contact tracing purposes

Once screening process has been successfully completed, direct family member to resident room. Direct visitor to clean their hands prior to entering resident’s room AND prior to leaving the unit.



Support initial visit and determine additional visits based on life expectancy of the resident and circumstances in the care environment.

Direct family member to designated area to exit the care setting.

Outdoor Visits



## Supporting the Visit Outside

### Outdoor Visits

If a successful screening process for exposure and symptoms has been completed, unvaccinated visitors may visit a resident in a designated outdoor area that does not require access through the facility. Medical-grade mask must be in place for duration of visit.