

# DESIGNATED CARE PARTNER

## PHASED IN APPROACH TO VISITATION

Grey County Long Term Care recognizes the important role of families/loved ones as allies for safety and quality and acknowledges that connections are integral to the health and overall wellbeing of an individual.

In working to protect residents, staff and families during COVID 19, changes have been made related to pandemic visitation policies, including Essential Visitors and Designated Care Partners (DCP).

The purpose is to provide residents with a designated DCP who understands and supports their needs and has been trained in all necessary IPAC education.

*The Care Community will ensure that we communicate any changes as Ministry and Public Health Directives change.*

## ROLES

Phase 1 - Essential Visits can include coordinated compassionate care, critical illness, palliative and end of life.

Phase 2 - Designated Care Partner visits include, but are not limited to the following:

- Emotional Support
- Assistance with feeding
- Assistance with mobility
- Assistance with personal care
- Communication assistance for persons with hearing, visual, speech, cognitive, intellectual or memory impairments
- Visits for supported decision making

## RESPONSIBILITIES

- DCP must attest to a COVID 19 negative test within two weeks of the visit.
- DCP must be physically, cognitively, emotionally able to provide care elements identified.
- Complete mandatory educational training on the following; infection Control practices, physical distancing, PPE use, respiratory etiquette, hand hygiene etc. and review visitor policy monthly
- Read, understand and agree to the DCP policy
- Undergo screening for signs and symptoms of illness, including COVID19, prior to every entry into care community. Note entry will be denied if screening is failed.
- Wear identification at all times
- Be considerate and respectful of all residents and team members
- DCPs shall go directly to the resident's room or designated area, remain there during the visit and exit the care community directly afterwards
- Refrain from bringing in any food or beverages
- Wear appropriate PPE during visit
- DCPs will be required to sign a commitment form. Violations of the commitment may result in cancellation of the DCP