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A message for our families

Throughout pandemic, our top priority has remained the same, keeping our residents, staff, families and others who spend time in our Homes safe and well.

Data suggests the Delta variant circulating in our communities has increased transmissibility – even among some vaccinated people – and can cause more severe symptoms. Remaining vigilant is key to protect everyone, including vulnerable groups that face the highest risk of serious illness from the virus.

With a focus on making decisions led by the evolving science, peopleCare is reinstating universal rapid testing of all staff, students, volunteers, family caregivers and visitors regardless of immunization status. This enhanced measure will provide our Homes with an extra layer of protection, in particular while we also work toward full implementation of our mandatory COVID-19 immunization policy by November 1, 2021.

As we ramp up our testing resources, testing frequency will be updated as follows:

- **Fully immunized:** Complete a rapid test up to three times per week on non-consecutive days. If only entering the Home on one or two consecutive days within a week, a test is required on the first day of entry only.
- **Partial/unimmunized:** Complete a rapid test each time you visit the Home.

We sincerely appreciate the support and willingness of our families to do what is needed to protect our residents, staff and one another.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to the Executive Director of your specific peopleCare Home with any questions.