

## Family Information Update – February 26, 2021

### Essential Care Partner visits and COVID-19 testing requirement

We remain hopeful to be able to resume our in-person Essential Care Partner visits after **March 8, 2021**, provided that the “Stay at Home” orders are lifted for Toronto. We continue to follow the provincial directives and will update you should there be any changes or extensions. Communication regarding the visits and scheduling is underway.

What are the COVID-testing requirements?

As with our previous visits, visitors must attest to a negative COVID test result within seven (7) days of their visit. This notice is to confirm that you must continue to attest to having a COVID 19 PCR test which is provided at assessment centres, pharmacies or laboratories.

A “rapid test” is a point of care screening test (offered at LTC facilities). We are not in a position to offer rapid testing at Sunnybrook to facilitate visiting at this point in time.

**We require visitors to undergo a COVID 19 PCR test before arriving at the Veterans’ Centre.**

Please be aware that no test is 100% accurate all the time. Therefore we recommend you to continue actively self-screening for symptoms and avoid any potential COVID 19 contacts prior to visiting your loved one to ensure their health and safety can be maintained.

### Sunnybrook Veterans on the CTV morning Show

Take a moment to watch our very own Katherine Baldwin , Manager of Recreation Therapy and Creative Arts sharing video clips of the Veterans “in action” on the CTV morning show and discussing how they are managing through the pandemic.

<https://www.ctv.ca/shows/your-morning/toronto-hospital-offering-unique-therapies-for-war-veteran-residents-s5>

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