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Dear Friends and Families

Dr Bonnie Henry, our provincial Public Health Officer, once again has announced changes to visitor restrictions in long term care in BC. While the announcement on December 31, 2021, stated essential visitors only, today it was clarified that in addition to essential visitors, a <u>single designated social visitor</u> will be allowed to visit loved ones in long term care.

This current direction regarding visitation in long term care is similar to what was put in place in the Summer of 2020, however there are added precautions. Along with the requirement for proof of full vaccination, all visitors, both essential and social will be required to pass a rapid test prior to entering the home. *Please be aware that the rapid testing process takes a minimum of twenty minutes to complete and may require you to wait outside of the home for the results. To facilitate screening and rapid testing, it is recommended that visits to the home are scheduled in advance. The one designated social visitor should contact the Executive Director of the home you're planning to visit to complete the required Designated Social Visitor paperwork. This document can also be found on our website at trilliumcommunities.com

Reminder that <u>medical grade masks must be worn for the duration of your visit</u> in the home, even within the confines of visiting your loved one in a private suite. It remains our collective responsibility to ensure the safety of our residents and staff and your cooperation is paramount and much appreciated.

The situation with the Omicron variant continues to rapidly evolve and every effort is being made to support safe visitation for residents and to keep you informed with how this impacts Trillium Communities and our friends and families.

Thank you for your continued patience and understanding.

Sincerely,

Kris Coventry
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