

Special Notice August 31, 2020

Effective immediately, Residents can now leave the Home's property for absences related to health care, social or other reason.

Short stay Absences (Non-Overnight Visits) – This type of outing is now permitted under the legislation. Residents must wear a face mask (if they can tolerate it) while they are out. This medical mask for the resident will be provided by the Home. Residents will be actively screened including a temperature check upon their return but no COVID swab or isolation is required upon their return.

Temporary Absences (for one or more nights) – This is now permissible under the Ministry of Long Term Care legislation. However, residents must be isolated in their rooms upon their return from their leave for 14 days.

You are certainly welcome to participate in the short stay absence as outlined by the Ministry of Long Term Care, but we would encourage you to be very mindful of the risks associated with increased exposure to multiple people as you go out with your loved one to their Home or other such locations.

Great Ideas for short stay absences (that are low risk) could be:

- ✓ Taking a walk around our neighborhood with your loved one.
- ✓ Going for a drive in the Country
- ✓ Taking a trip to Springside Park or other favorite park area
- ✓ Having a picnic together with some 1:1 time

At JMPC, we remain very concerned and vigilant about the safety of all the residents who are at incredible risk. Our enhanced infection control practices in place are all designed to keep everyone safe and healthy.

You and your guest can enjoy our outdoor areas at the front of the building, under our large balcony area or greenspace areas that you feel most comfortable in, bearing in mind the importance of physical distancing from other families who may also be in these spaces. You no longer have to be separated by a fence. Residents will need to wear a home provided surgical mask (if they can tolerate it). We will get you to the front door area to meet your guest, if needed.

Visiting Hours (Effective Aug 31)

Outdoor Visits: 9:00-11:30am; 3:00-5:00pm; 6:00-7pm

Indoor Visits: 10:15-11am; 11:15-12:00pm; 3:00-3:45pm; 4:00- 4:45pm (no change)

If you plan to take your loved one out for a short stay absence or temporary absence where medication would be required please notify the Charge Nurse in advance so appropriate plans can be put in place.

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