

Hello Families and Friends of Villa Colombo,

Villa Colombo Toronto is pleased to inform you that the garden is now open for residents and families to enjoy. In order to ensure the garden is safe for all residents, staff and visitors, all unvaccinated visitors will be required to book garden visits. Vaccinated visitors are not required to book a visit and can use the garden at their convenience.

To book a garden visit, which will start on Friday, April 29, 2022, please call 647-326-1795. Scheduled garden visits for unvaccinated visitors will be available Monday through Sunday from 10 am to 7pm. Visits can be for a maximum duration of 1 hour each, which allows for transportation of the resident to and from the unit. Additionally there will be a maximum of 4 visitors, allowed for each garden visit.

In order to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to see their loved ones, in the garden, reoccurring visits at a specific times/dates may not be accommodated.

Unvaccinated outdoor visitors must check-in and participate in active screening at the Sala Caboto entrance, west of the 40 Playfair Avenue entrance. All unvaccinated garden visitors must sign-in and participate in active screening. Please be sure to wear your personal mask during the screening process and can be removed once outdoors. **Please note: Masks are no longer required for any visitors (vaccinated and non-vaccinated) outdoors, including in the garden area.**

#### **Changes to Rapid Antigen Testing**

As you know, Villa Colombo Toronto will continue to require daily rapid antigen testing (RAT) by all staff, volunteers, students, visitors and essential caregivers until Friday, April 29, 2022, inclusive.

Beginning Saturday, April 30, 2022 the RAT schedule will be revised to follow Ministry of Long Term Care guidance related to the frequency of testing. As such, the following changes will be implemented April 30<sup>th</sup>:

- All vaccinated visitors, who have been vaccinated with 3 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine, will be required to participate in RAT, a minimum of two times per week on non-consecutive days; or
- All vaccinated visitors, who have been vaccinated with 2 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine and are eligible for a booster dose, i.e., have not tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 90 days, must be tested a minimum of three times per week on non-consecutive days; or
- All vaccinated visitors, who do not require a 3<sup>rd</sup> dose, i.e., children under 18 years of age, will be required to participate in RAT, a minimum of two times per week on non-consecutive days; or
- Vaccinated visitors who do had tested positive within 90 days of their visit, are not required to participate in rapid antigen testing. Testing requirements resume 90 days after testing positive for COVID-19.

Please also note that visitors will no longer need to wait 15 minutes, for their test results, prior to proceeding with their visit. Please be sure to provide accurate personal information upon entry to the rapid testing centre so that we are able to reach you in the event of a positive test result.

We appreciate your ongoing support. If you have any questions, please send an email to [info@villacolombo.on.ca](mailto:info@villacolombo.on.ca).