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To: Deer Lodge Centre (DLC) Patients, Residents, Families and Visitors

From: Kevin A. Scott, Chief Operating Officer

Subject: Visitation Update

Throughout the pandemic we have made every effort to keep patients, residents and staff safe while recognizing how important visitation is to their well-being. With the increasing number of COVID-19 cases in the community it is time again to increase the protection of patients and residents at the Centre.

**Beginning Monday, November 15, 2021** Deer Lodge Centre will require all visitors, including Designated Visitors (also known as Essential Care Partners), to show proof of full vaccination against the COVID-19 virus to continue visiting with their loved one in person. We will be revising the Visitation Guidelines on our website to reflect this change.

Virtual Visits are available to unvaccinated visitors. These visits can be scheduled by calling 204-833-1760.

Deer Lodge Centre encourages and supports full vaccination of everyone. If you have not been vaccinated and would like more information, please visit <a href="https://protectmb.ca">https://protectmb.ca</a> for details about the vaccine and where to go to get immunized.

We understand this change will be frustrating for some. We appreciate your understanding while we try to keep patients and residents as safe as possible during visits with family and friends as well as when they interact with their fellow patients and residents during recreation activities and with the staff who are caring for them.

If you have questions or concerns about these changes, please contact your Manager of Patient / Resident Care or Client Relations at 204-831-2963 or info@deerlodge.mb.ca.

Sincerely,

Kevin A. Scott

Chief Operating Officer

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