

PLEASE READ... BETHANY MANOR COVID-19 UPDATE FOR BETHANY RESIDENTS AND FAMILIES – December 16, 2020

You are receiving this communication because you are a resident of Bethany, or you have provided, and/or a Bethany resident(s) has provided your email address as they have identified you as their family/friend contact person.

PLEASE BE INFORMED THAT A POSITIVE COVID CASE AT BETHANY MANOR HAS BEEN COMMUNICATED TO US AS OF THIS MORNING, DECEMBER 16, 2020. PLEASE NOTE THE ADDITIONAL LETTER YOU ARE RECEIVING TODAY.

As you may be aware, the provincial government announced new visiting rules. As most of Saskatchewan's COVID-19 cases have been linked to private gatherings, starting 12:01 a.m. on Thursday, December 17th, private indoor gatherings will be limited to household members only. There are a few exceptions including that people living alone can meet with one household that has less than five people living in it and caregivers and support services workers are still allowed in a home as well.

Outdoor gatherings – although unlikely due to our current weather – are capped at 10 people, assuming that physical distancing between people from different homes can be maintained.

The provincial government mandatory mask rule has not been lifted.

What this means for Bethany:

Wearing a mask/appropriate face covering in all indoor common areas of the Bethany complex is required.

Visiting rules onsite are adapted to align with the government requirements, which means *no visitors are permitted*.

The following exceptions apply to the visiting order:

- Caregivers and support services workers are still allowed, in other words, essential visitors.
- As included in the government statement, a single person/living alone may visit with a household that has less than five (5) people living in it. While this exception is provided for in the government order, we encourage that these visits do not occur in resident suites/on Bethany premises. For entering Bethany premises, we encourage essential visitors only.
- Essential visitors are those whose purpose for coming into Bethany is to provide a resident with a required or necessary service that the resident is not capable of doing on their own due to physical limitations and/or cognitive deficits, particularly assistance with things related to medical health. Examples would include but aren't limited to bathing, and assistance with medications and/or medical apparatus/equipment, housekeeping, repair to devices used by a resident for the purposes of communicating (phone, computer/tablet).

We continue to encourage handing over of groceries/supplies to residents at building entrances. To reduce delivery personnel entering and travelling through the complex, we will continue to

accept deliveries of small items at the main office during office hours and ensure the resident receives the item. Please call the office at 306-242-9019 if you have any questions.

Personal services such as the hair salon, barber, massage therapy, foot care, etc. can continue operating onsite, however please respect any additional requirements or precautions the practitioners of these services may ask of you.

Housing is an essential need, which means move-ins of new residents will continue to occur.

While event venues outside of Bethany, such as conference halls, arenas, museums, and movie theatres, can still host events with up to 30 people, any events we hold onsite for residents (such as in our Fellowship Centre) will continue to be capped at 15 residents. During any events that we continue to offer onsite, all guests must be seated, and refreshments (food and drink) are not permitted in any common room* or at any event. *You may bring your own water bottle to the exercise room.

Games/activity/puzzle rooms, and the library, will remain open to residents only – capacities for these common rooms are indicated on signs at each room. Please honour all COVID-19 related protocols while in any Bethany common area/room. UPDATE: Due to the positive COVID case in the Manor Phase 1 (110 La Ronge Road) building, we have been instructed by the provincial government that all activity rooms within this building MUST CLOSE for a minimum of 30 days. We are also required to close the Fellowship Centre to all activities, including worship services, as the Fellowship Centre is located in the lobby of this building, however we are working with government officials to determine if we can continue with some level of worship services during this very important time of the year. We will update on the status of worship services as soon as we have further information. Activity rooms in other buildings can and will remain open. Residents are strongly encouraged that cross-building traffic should be avoided in and out of the Manor Phase 1, in other words, residents of Manor Phase 1 should not enter other buildings, and residents of other buildings should not enter Manor Phase 1.

Residents, please continue to sanitize any games/activity/puzzle room after you have used it. Unfortunately, in many of our common rooms, the bottles of cleaner and other cleaning materials keep disappearing. It is costly to maintain and continually replace these supplies. If the cleaning supplies continue to walk away, we may have no choice but to close these rooms.

We will continue to adapt to any new or changing provincial orders.

A sincere thank you to all residents for your ongoing efforts to keep our community as safe as possible, and to our many resident volunteers who tirelessly assist with such things as common area cleaning, library monitoring, and many other tasks.

As always, we thank you for your understanding and support during these continuing challenging days. We will continue to provide updates when more details or other plans become available. We ask that you please share this information with your family and friends.

In addition to these emailed communications, we also place updates on the Home page of our website at: www.bethanysaskatoon.ca.

As mentioned at the beginning of this communication, please note the additional communication regarding a COVID case in our complex as of this morning, December 16, 2020.

Bethany Manor/Saskatoon Mennonite Care Services Inc.