

Boyne Lodge still in planning process for outdoor visits

By Becca Myskiw

As of Friday, May 29, personal care homes (PCH) were expected to have new protocols in place for allowing outdoor visits, but Boyne Lodge is still finalizing theirs.

Southern Health-Santé Sud said they will be following the rules put in place by the provincial government — the biggest one being outdoor-only visits following social distancing guidelines.

In a news release, the Government of Manitoba said only two visitors will be allowed per resident to visit at a time, and when they arrive, they'll go through health screening and have to sanitize.

The release also said indoor vis-

its will remain suspended excluding compassionate and end of life reasons.

Off-site visits are also discouraged unless they are medically necessary.

In a media briefing on the new visiting rules, chief nursing officer Lanette Siragusa said though outdoor visits are now allowed, they still encourage PCH's to facilitate virtual visits using video chats, phone calls, and window visits.

Southern Health-Santé Sud said at Boyne Lodge PCH, family and friends can arrange with staff ahead of time to visit residents through a window. They also have iPads for video chats.

In the meantime, planning is underway at Boyne Lodge for the outdoor

visits.

"With the warmer weather arriving, the opportunity to allow increased visitor access for care home residents has been identified," she said. "PCH operators throughout the province have been asked to develop site-specific plans for outdoor visits between residents and their family and friends."

As of last Friday, PCH's were expected to identify the visitors who are essential to those in the homes' well-being and to determine how often, how long for, and when they will visit.

If a case of COVID-19 is confirmed in a PCH, they will have to suspend all visits.

As Boyne Lodge holds off while fi-

nalzing plans, Siragusa asks for understanding from visitors.

"We know families are going to be anxious to visit, but we are asking for a little more patience to allow personal care homes the time to finalize plans and reach out to you with details," she said. "Guidelines have been provided to PCH site leadership but exact protocols, designated areas, and the like will be site-specific, due to different physical layouts, etc. Supervision of visits by site staff or volunteers is not required by the province, although some sites may choose to do it voluntarily."

Those exact protocols are still up in the air at Boyne Lodge.



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