

## **Phase 5 Highlights**

The following are highlights from the new Guidelines for Long Term Care Facilities in Nova Scotia effective October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

- Temp checks no longer required for daily screening of residents, visitors and staff
- Staff and Designated care givers need to be fully vaccinated by November 30<sup>th</sup>
- Palliative exceptions can be made for visitors who are not fully vaccinated
- Travel is permitted within Atlantic Canada. At the present time, residents are not permitted to visit Central and Western Zone. Central and Western zone residents are permitted to visit other zones.
- There are no restrictions to visitors who are fully vaccinated. Families may attend dining rooms for meals and all social activities
- **THERE ARE NO GATHERING LIMITS IN LTC**
- Visitors may remove their masks while eating or drinking during visits in designated visiting areas
- Families may bring food and other gifts when they visit. Items do not need to be isolated. Proper hand hygiene should be conducted following handling items.
- Residents who are on isolation may not have “social visitors” but DCG’s may visit
- Musicians may come into the facility to perform. Sing alongs are permitted
- Residents may not leave the facility with a support person who is not fully vaccinated
- There is no limit on how often a resident is able to leave a facility for off site visits
- DCG’s can have daily access and more than 1 DCG can visit at the same time