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I 4.8 COVID-19 Testing

In addition to the directives of the Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility (MSAA), Ontario Health (OH) and Retirement Homes Regulatory Authority (RHRA), West Shore Village will be testing for COVID-19, per Durham Region Health Department:

1. **Test frequency for staff, student placements and volunteers -**
 - a **PCR test**, that the test is taken in accordance with the following frequencies:
 - This shall include **one PCR test every two weeks for staff that have not been fully immunized.**
 - The time period between testing should be as close to 14 days as can practically be achieved, unless testing is conducted more frequently.
 - **Occasional entry** - an antigen test upon entry on the days on which they are entering the home in accordance with the protocols contained in the rapid antigen screening guidance.
2. **Home and Community Care Support Service providers and personal care service providers** - all Home and Community Care Support Service providers and personal care service providers that have not been fully immunized must demonstrate that they have received a negative COVID-19 test result before granting them entry as a visitor, whether the visit will take place indoors or outdoors:
 - Licensees shall ensure that caregivers and support workers attest to being fully vaccinated or demonstrate that they have received a **negative PCR test result in the past two weeks** and verbally attest to not subsequently having tested positive or **have a negative antigen test result on the day of the visit.** If visitor is unable to demonstrate a negative test result within the past two weeks, they are required to **have a negative antigen test on the day of the visit.**
3. **Previous COVID-19** - an individual who has previously had laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 and was cleared by the local public health unit, should not be re-tested except:
 - with new onset of symptoms of COVID-19, and
 - can be considered:
 - if there is exposure to a confirmed case of COVID-19;
 - if there is a COVID-19 outbreak in the home; or
 - at the direction of the local public health unit.
 - At least 90 days has passed since they tested positive
4. **Exceptions** – Exceptions to this policy can be made at the discretion of West Shore Village for individuals wishing to visit residents during end of life.
5. West Shore Village retains the right to refuse entry to individuals who do not abide by the above policy.

Consent Form

I _____ Consent to COVID-19 laboratory testing: I acknowledge this test has been
(name, print)
ordered by Dr. M. Brown in compliance with the above policy.

(name)

(witness)

(date)

(date)



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Form G - RELEASE OF COVID-19 LABORATORY TEST RESULTS

To: _____
(Public Health)

Address of PH: _____

Fax #/Email Address of PH: _____

From: _____ **West Shore Village Inc.** _____
(Name of Retirement Home)

Address of RH: _____ **293 Perry St. Port Perry, Ontario, L9L 1S6** _____

Phone #: _____ **905-985-8660** _____

Email Address: _____

I, _____ authorize the release of my COVID-19 laboratory test
Name (Please print)

results to _____ **West Shore Village Inc.** _____ (above mentioned retirement home).

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at the phone number provided above.

Sincerely,

Signature

Witness Signature

Date: _____