

In order to provide clarity to operators, ORCA has provided a summary of all action communicated to the retirement community sector from the provincial government over the last week.

1. The Retirement Homes Regulatory Authority is [requiring](#) that retirement communities only allow essential visitors until further notice. The ministry and the Retirement Homes Regulatory Authority is identifying essential visitors as those who have a resident who is dying or very ill. These visitors must continue to be actively screened.
2. As [directed](#) by the Ministry of Health and Retirement Homes Regulatory Authority, all retirement communities are required to conduct active screening for staff and visitors. Anyone who fails any part of the screening process will not be allowed in the community. The Ministry of Health's [COVID-19 Screening Checklist](#) can be used as a guide.
3. As [directed](#) by the Ministry of Health and Retirement Homes Regulatory Authority, all retirement communities are required to conduct active screening of all resident admissions, re-admissions and returning residents. Anyone who fails any part of the screening will be placed in isolation. Retirement communities must consult with the local public health unit and the resident's primary care provider if residents exhibit symptoms or have had exposure to or if there has been confirmation of transmission of COVID-19, in order to determine any additional public health or clinical actions. The Ministry of Health's [COVID-19 Screening Checklist](#) can be used as a guide.
4. The Chief Medical Officer of Health has released [enhanced public health measures for COVID-19](#). It is strongly advised that the people of Ontario avoid all non-essential travel outside of Canada. For anyone who decides to travel outside of Canada with children, the children will be required to self-isolate for a period of 14 days upon return. Additionally, all Ontarians are being advised to stay at home if sick. They are strongly advised not to visit a long-term care home, retirement community or other congregate living situation.