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On Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup> the province announced updates regarding long-term care. A resident may now leave the facility grounds to attend non-urgent medical appointments. This may require family member support, including providing transportation. There are detailed guidelines from public health on what is required before, during and after an appointment. Please speak with the clinical RN for the unit about any upcoming appointments and we will work with you and the resident to ensure all guidelines are met during the off-site appointment.

The province announced a change to the limit of authorized visitors when indoors. The restrictions still allow only one person at a time and the resident must wear a mask. With those restrictions Saint Vincent's is holding off with indoors visits. When outside the resident only needs to wear a mask for the physical contact, as many as three people can visit at one time and you may remove your mask after the hug. We are reviewing the options for indoor visits but for now, we are hoping for a warm first few weeks of September.