



## CAREGIVER ESSENTIAL VISITOR DESIGNATION FORM

Recent changes to Directive#3 for Retirement Homes and the Ministry for Senior's and Accessibility Policy for Visitors in Retirement Homes permit a resident and/or their substitute decision maker to **designate in writing a maximum of 2** individuals as caregivers effective **September 15, 2020**.

A caregiver is a type of essential visitor who is designated by the resident and/or their substitute decision-maker and is visiting to provide direct care to the resident (e.g., supporting feeding, mobility, personal hygiene, cognitive stimulation, communication, meaningful connection, relational continuity and assistance in decision-making).

- Caregivers must be at least 18 years of age.
- A maximum of 2 caregivers may be designated per resident at a time.
- A resident and/or their substitute decision-maker may change a designation in response to a change in the: - Resident's care needs that are reflected in the plan of care. - Availability of a designated caregiver, either temporary (e.g., illness) or permanent.
- Examples of caregivers include family members who provide meaningful connection, a privately hired caregiver, paid companions and translators.

If you would like to designate anyone as a caregiver, you must complete the information below identifying the caregiver(s) and return the completed signed form to the Home's General Manager or Health & Wellness Manager

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Designation: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Designation: \_\_\_\_\_

**I have provided authorization for the person(s) named above to be designated caregivers for myself.**

**Resident Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Or**

**I, being the substitute decision maker, have provided authorization for the person(s) named above to be designated caregivers for**

**Resident Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_