

Ministère des Soins de longue durée

**Inspection Report under** the Long-Term Care Homes Act, 2007

Rapport d'inspection en vertu de la Loi de 2007 sur les foyers de soins de longue durée

**Long-Term Care Operations Division Long-Term Care Inspections Branch** 

Division des opérations relatives aux soins de longue durée Inspection de soins de longue durée

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Report Date(s) / Date(s) du Rapport No de l'inspection

Apr 1, 2021

Inspection No /

2021 565647 0009

Loa #/ No de registre

003083-21, 003323-21, 003496-21, 003618-21

Type of Inspection / **Genre d'inspection** 

Complaint

#### Licensee/Titulaire de permis

Mill Creek Care Centre 286 Hurst Drive Barrie ON L4N 0Z3

### Long-Term Care Home/Foyer de soins de longue durée

Mill Creek Care Centre 286 Hurst Drive Barrie ON L4N 0Z3

### Name of Inspector(s)/Nom de l'inspecteur ou des inspecteurs

**JENNIFER BROWN (647)** 

### Inspection Summary/Résumé de l'inspection



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The purpose of this inspection was to conduct a Complaint inspection.

This inspection was conducted on the following date(s): March 22 - 26, 2021.

The following intakes were completed in this Complaint inspection:

-Four intakes were complaints that were submitted to the Director regarding essential visitor restrictions related to COVID-19.

Critical Incident System inspection 2020\_565647\_0010 was completed concurrently with this Complaint inspection.

During the course of the inspection, the inspector(s) spoke with the Executive Director, Director of Care (DOC), Food Service Manager, Registered Nurses (RN), Registered Practical Nurses (RPN), Personal Support Workers (PSW), Public Health Nurse, Substitute Decision Makers (SDM), and residents.

During the course of the inspection, the Inspector(s) also conducted a daily tour of the resident care areas, observed Infection Control and Prevention (IPAC) practices, observed dining and snack service, observed staff to resident interactions, resident to resident interactions, and the provisions of care, reviewed relevant family communication logs, complaint logs, essential care giver logs, as well as licensee policies, procedures and programs.

The following Inspection Protocols were used during this inspection: Infection Prevention and Control Personal Support Services

During the course of this inspection, Non-Compliances were issued.

1 WN(s)

0 VPC(s)

1 CO(s)

0 DR(s)

0 WAO(s)



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NON-COMPLIANCE / NON - RESPECT DES EXIGENCES	
Legend	Légende
WN – Written Notification VPC – Voluntary Plan of Correction DR – Director Referral CO – Compliance Order WAO – Work and Activity Order	WN – Avis écrit VPC – Plan de redressement volontaire DR – Aiguillage au directeur CO – Ordre de conformité WAO – Ordres : travaux et activités
Non-compliance with requirements under the Long-Term Care Homes Act, 2007 (LTCHA) was found. (a requirement under the LTCHA includes the requirements contained in the items listed in the definition of "requirement under this Act" in subsection 2(1) of the LTCHA).	Le non-respect des exigences de la Loi de 2007 sur les foyers de soins de longue durée (LFSLD) a été constaté. (une exigence de la loi comprend les exigences qui font partie des éléments énumérés dans la définition de « exigence prévue par la présente loi », au paragraphe 2(1) de la LFSLD.
The following constitutes written notification of non-compliance under paragraph 1 of section 152 of the LTCHA.	Ce qui suit constitue un avis écrit de non- respect aux termes du paragraphe 1 de l'article 152 de la LFSLD.

WN #1: The Licensee has failed to comply with LTCHA, 2007 S.O. 2007, c.8, s. 3. Residents' Bill of Rights

Specifically failed to comply with the following:

- s. 3. (1) Every licensee of a long-term care home shall ensure that the following rights of residents are fully respected and promoted:
- 14. Every resident has the right to communicate in confidence, receive visitors of his or her choice and consult in private with any person without interference. 2007, c. 8, s. 3 (1).



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#### Findings/Faits saillants:

1. The licensee has failed to ensure that four residents, had the right to receive essential caregivers of his or her choice as per Directive #3.

The Director received four separate complaints regarding essential visitor restrictions related to COVID-19. The complainants had been identified by the home as essential visitors, however, the home had not allowed essential visitors as per Directive #3 issued by the Chief Medical Officer of Health.

As per Directive #3, issued by the Chief Medical Officer of Health, the long-term care homes were responsible for supporting, implementing and facilitating residents in receiving essential caregivers while mitigating the risk of exposure to COVID-19. The long term care home would allow each resident to designate up to two essential caregivers to provide direct care support to the resident, as currently defined in the directive.

Furthermore, as per the Ministry of Long Term Care "COVID-19 visiting policy", it detailed that if the local public health unit was in the Orange, Red or Grey zone, or the home was in an outbreak, only essential visitors were permitted in the home and a maximum of one caregiver per resident may visit at a time.

The homes policy indicated guidance related to how visiting was to be facilitated for essential caregivers in the home in accordance with Directive #3 issued by the Chief Medical Officer of Health.

The home was not following their current indoor visiting policy, or Directive #3 by only allowing essential visitors in for palliative care residents, and prevented other essential caregivers from entering, therefore the home did not comply with Directive #3.

Sources: Complaint intakes, COVID-19 Directive #3 for Long-Term Care Homes, dated December 26, 2020, the home's policy titled "Pandemic planning, Indoor visits during COVID-19 (#J-10-10, last revised February 19, 2021), Ministry of Long-Term Care "COVID-19 Visiting Policy", dated December 27, 2020, internal family communication emails, and Interview with Executive Director and other staff members. [s. 3. (1) 14.]



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Additional Required Actions:

CO # - 001 will be served on the licensee. Refer to the "Order(s) of the Inspector".

Issued on this 7th day of April, 2021

Signature of Inspector(s)/Signature de l'inspecteur ou des inspecteurs

Original report signed by the inspector.



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Nom de l'inspecteur (No): JENNIFER BROWN (647)

Inspection No. /

**No de l'inspection :** 2021\_565647\_0009

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Licensee /

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286 Hurst Drive, Barrie, ON, L4N-0Z3

LTC Home /

Foyer de SLD: Mill Creek Care Centre

286 Hurst Drive, Barrie, ON, L4N-0Z3

Name of Administrator / Nom de l'administratrice

ou de l'administrateur : Jenny Douma

To Mill Creek Care Centre, you are hereby required to comply with the following order (s) by the date(s) set out below:



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Order # / Order Type /

No d'ordre: 001 Genre d'ordre: Compliance Orders, s. 153. (1) (a)

#### Pursuant to / Aux termes de :

LTCHA, 2007 S.O. 2007, c.8, s. 3. (1) Every licensee of a long-term care home shall ensure that the following rights of residents are fully respected and promoted:

- 1. Every resident has the right to be treated with courtesy and respect and in a way that fully recognizes the resident's individuality and respects the resident's dignity.
- 2. Every resident has the right to be protected from abuse.
- 3. Every resident has the right not to be neglected by the licensee or staff.
- 4. Every resident has the right to be properly sheltered, fed, clothed, groomed and cared for in a manner consistent with his or her needs.
- 5. Every resident has the right to live in a safe and clean environment.
- 6. Every resident has the right to exercise the rights of a citizen.
- 7. Every resident has the right to be told who is responsible for and who is providing the resident's direct care.
- 8. Every resident has the right to be afforded privacy in treatment and in caring for his or her personal needs.
- 9. Every resident has the right to have his or her participation in decision-making respected.
- 10. Every resident has the right to keep and display personal possessions, pictures and furnishings in his or her room subject to safety requirements and the rights of other residents.
- 11. Every resident has the right to,
- i. participate fully in the development, implementation, review and revision of his or her plan of care,
- ii. give or refuse consent to any treatment, care or services for which his or her consent is required by law and to be informed of the consequences of giving or refusing consent,
- iii. participate fully in making any decision concerning any aspect of his or her care, including any decision concerning his or her admission, discharge or transfer to or from a long-term care home or a secure unit and to obtain an independent opinion with regard to any of those matters, and
- iv. have his or her personal health information within the meaning of the Personal



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Health Information Protection Act, 2004 kept confidential in accordance with that Act, and to have access to his or her records of personal health information, including his or her plan of care, in accordance with that Act.

- 12. Every resident has the right to receive care and assistance towards independence based on a restorative care philosophy to maximize independence to the greatest extent possible.
- 13. Every resident has the right not to be restrained, except in the limited circumstances provided for under this Act and subject to the requirements provided for under this Act.
- 14. Every resident has the right to communicate in confidence, receive visitors of his or her choice and consult in private with any person without interference.
- 15. Every resident who is dying or who is very ill has the right to have family and friends present 24 hours per day.
- 16. Every resident has the right to designate a person to receive information concerning any transfer or any hospitalization of the resident and to have that person receive that information immediately.
- 17. Every resident has the right to raise concerns or recommend changes in policies and services on behalf of himself or herself or others to the following persons and organizations without interference and without fear of coercion, discrimination or reprisal, whether directed at the resident or anyone else,
- i. the Residents' Council,
- ii. the Family Council,
- iii. the licensee, and, if the licensee is a corporation, the directors and officers of the corporation, and, in the case of a home approved under Part VIII, a member of the committee of management for the home under section 132 or of the board of management for the home under section 125 or 129,
- iv. staff members,
- v. government officials,
- vi. any other person inside or outside the long-term care home.
- 18. Every resident has the right to form friendships and relationships and to participate in the life of the long-term care home.
- 19. Every resident has the right to have his or her lifestyle and choices respected.
- 20. Every resident has the right to participate in the Residents' Council.
- 21. Every resident has the right to meet privately with his or her spouse or another person in a room that assures privacy.
- 22. Every resident has the right to share a room with another resident according



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to their mutual wishes, if appropriate accommodation is available.

- 23. Every resident has the right to pursue social, cultural, religious, spiritual and other interests, to develop his or her potential and to be given reasonable assistance by the licensee to pursue these interests and to develop his or her potential.
- 24. Every resident has the right to be informed in writing of any law, rule or policy affecting services provided to the resident and of the procedures for initiating complaints.
- 25. Every resident has the right to manage his or her own financial affairs unless the resident lacks the legal capacity to do so.
- 26. Every resident has the right to be given access to protected outdoor areas in order to enjoy outdoor activity unless the physical setting makes this impossible.
- 27. Every resident has the right to have any friend, family member, or other person of importance to the resident attend any meeting with the licensee or the staff of the home. 2007, c. 8, s. 3 (1).

#### Order / Ordre:

The licensee must comply with s. 3 (1) 14 of O. Reg. 79/10.

Specifically, the licensee must facilitate residents in receiving visitors, specifically essential caregivers, in accordance with:

- COVID-19 Directive #3 for Long-Term Care Homes (Directive #3) under the Long-Term Care Homes Act, 2007 (LTCHA) issued by the Chief Medical Officer of Health;
- the Minister of Long-Term Care's Directive: COVID-19: Long-Term Care Home Surveillance Testing and Access to Homes (Minister's Directive); and,
- the COVID-19 Visiting Policy.

#### **Grounds / Motifs:**

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An order was made by taking the following factors into account:

Severity: There was risk of harm to all residents, as they were not able to receive essential visitors as per Directive #3.

Scope: This non-compliance was widespread as all residents were unable to receive essential visitors as per Directive #3.

Compliance History: One voluntary plan of correction (VPCs) was issued to the



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home related to this same section of the legislation in the past 36 months. (647)

This order must be complied with by / Vous devez vous conformer à cet ordre d'ici le :

Apr 30, 2021



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#### **REVIEW/APPEAL INFORMATION**

#### TAKE NOTICE:

The Licensee has the right to request a review by the Director of this (these) Order(s) and to request that the Director stay this (these) Order(s) in accordance with section 163 of the Long-Term Care Homes Act, 2007.

The request for review by the Director must be made in writing and be served on the Director within 28 days from the day the order was served on the Licensee.

The written request for review must include,

- (a) the portions of the order in respect of which the review is requested;
- (b) any submissions that the Licensee wishes the Director to consider; and
- (c) an address for services for the Licensee.

The written request for review must be served personally, by registered mail, commercial courier or by fax upon:

Director c/o Appeals Coordinator Long-Term Care Inspections Branch Ministry of Long-Term Care 1075 Bay Street, 11th Floor Toronto, ON M5S 2B1

Fax: 416-327-7603

When service is made by registered mail, it is deemed to be made on the fifth day after the day of mailing, when service is made by a commercial courier it is deemed to be made on the second business day after the day the courier receives the document, and when service is made by fax, it is deemed to be made on the first business day after the day the fax is sent. If the Licensee is not served with written notice of the Director's decision within 28 days of receipt of the Licensee's request for review, this(these) Order(s) is(are) deemed to be confirmed by the Director and the Licensee is deemed to have been served with a copy of that decision on the expiry of the 28 day period.

The Licensee has the right to appeal the Director's decision on a request for review of an Inspector's Order(s) to the Health Services Appeal and Review Board (HSARB) in accordance with section 164 of the Long-Term Care Homes Act, 2007. The HSARB is an independent tribunal not connected with the Ministry. They are established by legislation to review matters concerning health care services. If the Licensee decides to request a hearing, the Licensee must, within 28 days of being served with the notice of the Director's decision, give a written notice of appeal to both:



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Health Services Appeal and Review Board and the Director

Attention Registrar
Health Services Appeal and Review Board
151 Bloor Street West, 9th Floor
Toronto, ON M5S 1S4

Director c/o Appeals Coordinator Long-Term Care Inspections Branch Ministry of Long-Term Care 1075 Bay Street, 11th Floor Toronto, ON M5S 2B1 Fax: 416-327-7603

Upon receipt, the HSARB will acknowledge your notice of appeal and will provide instructions regarding the appeal process. The Licensee may learn more about the HSARB on the website www.hsarb.on.ca.



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# RENSEIGNEMENTS RELATIFS AUX RÉEXAMENS DE DÉCISION ET AUX APPELS

#### PRENEZ AVIS:

Le/la titulaire de permis a le droit de faire une demande de réexamen par le directeur de cet ordre ou de ces ordres, et de demander que le directeur suspende cet ordre ou ces ordres conformément à l'article 163 de la Loi de 2007 sur les foyers de soins de longue durée.

La demande au directeur doit être présentée par écrit et signifiée au directeur dans les 28 jours qui suivent la signification de l'ordre au/à la titulaire de permis.

La demande écrite doit comporter ce qui suit :

- a) les parties de l'ordre qui font l'objet de la demande de réexamen;
- b) les observations que le/la titulaire de permis souhaite que le directeur examine;
- c) l'adresse du/de la titulaire de permis aux fins de signification.

La demande de réexamen présentée par écrit doit être signifiée en personne, par courrier recommandé, par messagerie commerciale ou par télécopieur, au :

#### Directeur

a/s du coordonnateur/de la coordonnatrice en matière d'appels Direction de l'inspection des foyers de soins de longue durée Ministère des Soins de longue durée 1075, rue Bay, 11e étage Toronto ON M5S 2B1

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Quand la signification est faite par courrier recommandé, elle est réputée être faite le cinquième jour qui suit le jour de l'envoi, quand la signification est faite par messagerie commerciale, elle est réputée être faite le deuxième jour ouvrable après le jour où la messagerie reçoit le document, et lorsque la signification est faite par télécopieur, elle est réputée être faite le premier jour ouvrable qui suit le jour de l'envoi de la télécopie. Si un avis écrit de la décision du directeur n'est pas signifié au/à la titulaire de permis dans les 28 jours de la réception de la demande de réexamen présentée par le/la titulaire de permis, cet ordre ou ces ordres sont réputés être confirmés par le directeur, et le/la titulaire de permis est réputé(e) avoir reçu une copie de la décision en question à l'expiration de ce délai.

Le/la titulaire de permis a le droit d'interjeter appel devant la Commission d'appel et de révision des services de santé (CARSS) de la décision du directeur relative à une demande de réexamen d'un ordre ou des ordres d'un inspecteur ou d'une inspectrice conformément à l'article 164 de la Loi de 2007 sur les foyers de soins de longue durée. La CARSS est un tribunal autonome qui n'a pas de lien avec le ministère. Elle est créée par la loi pour examiner les questions relatives aux services de santé. Si le/la titulaire décide de faire une demande d'audience, il ou elle doit, dans les 28 jours de la signification de l'avis de la décision du directeur, donner par écrit un avis d'appel à la fois à :

la Commission d'appel et de révision des services de santé et au directeur

A l'attention du/de la registrateur(e) Commission d'appel et de revision des services de santé 151, rue Bloor Ouest, 9e étage Toronto ON M5S 1S4

Directeur

a/s du coordonnateur/de la coordonnatrice en matière

d'appels

Direction de l'inspection des foyers de soins de longue durée

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À la réception de votre avis d'appel, la CARSS en accusera réception et fournira des instructions relatives au processus d'appel. Le/la titulaire de permis peut en savoir davantage sur la CARSS sur le site Web www.hsarb.on.ca.

1st day of April, 2021 **Issued on this** 

Signature of Inspector / Signature de l'inspecteur :

Name of Inspector /

Nom de l'inspecteur : Jennifer Brown

Service Area Office /

Bureau régional de services : Sudbury Service Area Office