

## Wexford Family Liaison Council Meeting Notes – December 2025

Wexford Family Members,

For our monthly Family Liaison Council meeting on Thursday, December 18, we had a potluck event. Our invited guest was Wayne Connelly, Wexford CEO.

The painting of the hallway walls on all of the resident's units has been completed on floors 6 and 7. The work on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor was halted because of the recent outbreak. Work will be start again in the new year. The transformation of the completed floors is amazing. Also, as the painting is completed on each floor, our new Family Council bulletin boards are being installed on the left side of the hallway on the way to towards the common area on all of the floors.

### Essential Caregivers

Essential Caregivers play a crucial role with daily activities and emotional and psychological support that can make a huge difference in a resident's well-being. Essential Caregivers can be designated by the resident or POA.

Changes to visiting when an outbreak is declared:

- When an outbreak is declared, **general visitors** should postpone all non-essential visits to resident within the outbreak area for the duration of the outbreak
- **Essential Caregivers are only allowed to visit at this time**, and should be directed to the reception desk prior to visiting

### Essential Caregiver Training:

- Essential Caregivers should be educated on the potential risk of exposure when visiting a symptomatic resident
- Essential Caregivers should receive training on how to use Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) appropriately and Universal Masking
- Essential Caregivers should receive training on performing proper Hand Hygiene

If you have not yet been trained as an Essential Caregiver, here is the link to sign up for the Wexford Essential Caregiver Training: <https://thewexford.org/ecg-training/>

By taking part in this training and following infection prevention and control measures, we can help minimize the risk of spreading infections and protect our residents, staff, and essential caregivers.

### Family Council Meetings in 2026

We are planning our Family Council meetings for 2026 and some of the topics/guests that we are considering are:

- ✓ Inviting Leanne, Director of Programs & Services, to talk about the Residents' council and to explore the possibility of any projects that we can work on with them
- ✓ Alzheimer's
- ✓ Caregivers' Support
- ✓ Review of Wexford Quality Indicators
- ✓ Review of Satisfaction Survey results
- ✓ Wexford staff – responsive behaviours coordinator; infection prevention and control manager

We welcome your comments on these possible topics. If you have a topic or presenter that you would like us to coordinate, please send your comments to Linda at [lstrome@rogers.com](mailto:lstrome@rogers.com).

We do not yet have our 2026 meeting dates and times confirmed. That information will be sent out as soon as it is available.

We would like to wish you a happy and healthy holiday season that continues into 2026.

Regards,

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Co-Chairs of the Wexford Family Liaison Council