

Visitation Protocol as of 4-1-21

The facility may conduct visitation through different means, based on a facilities structure and resident needs. Regardless of how visits are conducted there are certain core principles and best practices that reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission including, but not limited to:

1. Screening of all who enter the facility for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 (e.g. temperature checks, questions about and observations of signs or symptoms), and denial of entry to those with signs or symptoms OR those who have had close contact with someone with COVI-19 infection in the prior 14 days (regardless of the visitor's vaccination status).
2. Hand hygiene (use of alcohol-based hand rub is preferred)
3. The use of face coverings or masks (covering both mouth and nose)
4. Social distancing of at least six feet between persons (this may limit the number of visitors that can be accommodated at any one time).
5. Instructional signage throughout the facility and proper visitor education on COVID-19 signs and symptoms, infection control precautions and other facility practices (e.g. use of face coverings, specified entry area, and areas of visitation, hand hygiene etc. (see attached)
6. Cleaning and disinfecting high frequency touched surfaces in the facility often, and designated visitation areas after each visit.
7. Appropriate staff use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).
8. The facility has protocols to separate residents into cohorts of positive, negative, and unknown as well as separate staffing teams as practicable to deal with COVID-positive residents and non-positive residents.
9. Visitors who are unable to adhere to the core principles of COVID-19 infection prevention should not be permitted to visit or should be asked to leave.
- 10. Facilities will schedule visitation times to ensure that all residents will have an opportunity to receive visitors.**

11. Visitor movement in the facility should be limited.
12. If a resident is FULLY VACCINATED they may choose to have close contact (including touch) with their visitor while wearing a well-fitting mask and [both] performing hand hygiene before and after. Regardless, visitors should maintain physical distance from other residents and staff in the facility.
13. Although visitors are not REQUIRED be tested or vaccinated in order to visit: we strongly encourage visitors to test in the 72 hours prior to visiting. We also strongly encourage visitors to be vaccinated; doing both these things will better protect their loved ones.
14. The facility has adequate staff to allow for personnel to help with the transition of residents, monitoring of visitation, and cleaning and disinfecting of areas used for visitation after each visit using an EPA approved disinfectant.