

VISITATION DURING COVID PANDEMIC

Indoor visitation will be allowed at all times and for all residents (regardless of vaccination status), except for a few circumstances when visitation should be limited due to a high risk of COVID-19 transmission (note: compassionate care visits will be permitted at all times). These scenarios include limiting indoor visitation for:

- Unvaccinated residents, if our facility's COVID-19 county positivity rate is >10% and <70% of the residents in the facility are fully vaccinated;
- Residents with confirmed COVID-19 infection, whether vaccinated or unvaccinated until they have met the criteria to discontinue Transmission-Based Precautions; or
- Residents in quarantine, whether vaccinated or unvaccinated, until they have met criteria for release from quarantine.

In the event of a new facility onset of COVID-19, the facility will move on to an Outbreak Testing cadence and suspend all visitation (except that required under federal disability rights law), until at least one round of facility-wide testing is completed. Visitation can resume based on the following criteria:

- If the first round of outbreak testing reveals **no additional COVID-19 cases in other areas (e.g., units) of the facility**, then visitation can resume for residents in areas/units with no COVID-19 cases. However, the facility will suspend visitation on the affected unit until the facility meets the criteria to discontinue outbreak testing. For example, if the first round of outbreak testing reveals two more COVID-19 cases in the same unit as the original case, but not in other units, visitation can resume for residents in areas/units with no COVID-19 cases.
- If the first round of outbreak testing **reveals one or more additional COVID-19 cases in other areas/units of the facility** (e.g., new cases in two or more units), then facilities should suspend visitation for all residents (vaccinated and unvaccinated), until the facility meets the criteria to discontinue outbreak testing.

Compassionate care visits, and visits required under federal disability rights law, will be allowed at all times regardless of a resident's vaccination status, the county's COVID-19 positivity rate, or an outbreak.

Signage will be posted at all visitor entrances instructing visitors that they must be assessed for COVID-19 and will, if applicable, be required to test before entry. Persons who have symptoms of COVID-19 will not be allowed to enter the facility.

Visitors Permitted:

- Are to be tested for COVID-19 using an antigen test before entering the building.
- Are to be screened for fever and symptoms consistent with COVID-19; those with symptoms will not be permitted to enter.
- Should not have had contact within the last 14 days with someone ill or confirmed/suspected to have COVID-19.
- Must wear a face covering/facemask while in the facility, as well as any necessary PPE.
- Must use hand sanitizer upon entrance into the facility and are reminded to perform frequent hand hygiene throughout the visit.

- Must make an appointment for the visit. Schedule the visit with the facility's Social Worker.
- Will have number of visitors per scheduled visit limited to two persons or fewer and for a 15 minute duration. Visitors will also be required to log arrival and departure times, provide their contact information and attest, in writing, that they will notify the facility if they develop symptoms consistent with COVID-19 within 14 days after visiting.
- Will be directed to a designated area for the visit. Visitor movement within the facility is restricted to reduce the risk of infection:
- Are disallowed during aerosol-generating procedures or during collection of respiratory specimens unless deemed necessary by staff for the care and well-being of the resident.
- Must practice physical distancing while in the facility during indoor and outdoor visits with limited exceptions:
 - ❖ Compassionate care visits may involve physical contact with a resident if the visitors are wearing appropriate PPE and time spent within 6 feet of the resident is no longer than 15 minutes.
 - ❖ If the resident is fully vaccinated, he or she can choose to have close contact (including touch) with their visitor while wearing a well-fitting fact mask and performing hand-hygiene before and after.
- Residents and visitors must NOT share food.

Communal dining and group activities will occur for those residents who are fully recovered from COVID-19 infection or are not in isolation or are otherwise not under observation for symptoms of COVID-19. Dining and group activities must:

- Have adequate physical distancing, at least six feet between participants.
- Require participating residents to wear masks, if able, when not eating or drinking.
- Perform hand hygiene before entering the communal gathering area and before leaving the communal gathering area.