

Indoor Visitation

Visitor Guidelines



While taking a person-centered approach and adhering to the core principles of COVID-19 infection prevention, outdoor visitation is preferred, even when the resident and visitor are fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Visitation can be conducted through different means such as designated visitation area, outdoors and in resident rooms.

Planning Your Visit:

- All visits must be scheduled in advance.
- At the time of scheduling, one should be asked for the preferred location of the visit- outdoor, designated visitation area or resident room
- If either party is unvaccinated, outdoor visitation is preferred and to reduce the risk of further transmission, a physical barrier can be used
- If both the resident and visitor are fully vaccinated* and choose to visit in the resident's room, they can do so without source control (face mask) and without maintaining social distancing. At the time of scheduling, the visitor should communicate this request and on the day of visit provide proof of vaccination status
- Visits will be allotted a minimum of 30 minutes depending on the location of the visit
- On the day of their visit, visitors must bring (i) a state issued driver's license or other form of identification issued by a governmental body, (ii) must wear a proper facial covering when entering the facility. If requesting an in resident room visit without source control or social distancing, must provide proof of vaccination status
- Visitors may not bring pets
- For visitors that are below the age of 18, the visitor must be accompanied by an adult or have the ability to abide by the core principles of infection prevention

Eligibility Criteria:

- Residents that are COVID-19 positive, have COVID-19 signs or symptoms, or that are under quarantine or an observation period are not eligible for visitation
 - Residents who have had COVID-19 must no longer require transmission-based precautions in order to be eligible for visitation
 - Those who would like to visit residents that are not eligible to participate in the visitation should contact the Social Worker to discuss alternative options, such as virtual visits
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- All visits for unvaccinated residents are subject to the CMS County Positivity rate of greater than 10% and a resident vaccination rate of less than 70% and any changes to circumstances, legislation or guidance that may come into effect
- Visitation may be suspended due a covid-19 outbreak in the facility
- Visits will be cancelled if visitors or residents display any sign or symptoms of COVID-19

What to Expect During Your Visit:

- Visitors must arrive 10 minutes prior to their scheduled visitation time and proceed to the reception area, where they will be screened for signs/symptoms of COVID-19, have their temperature checked and complete applicable paperwork, which will include visitor contact information. Failure to arrive 10 minutes prior to the scheduled visitation time may result in a shorter visitation period and visitors exhibiting COVID -19 symptoms or visitors who may have been exposed to an individual with Covid-19 or who is under quarantine for Covid-19 will not be permitted to proceed with their visit
- Visitors will be advised of the risks of the spread of COVID-19
- Visitors may be asked to wait in order to allow adequate time for our staff to clean the designated visitation area between visits
- Visitors must perform hand hygiene with the alcohol-based hand rub provided prior to entering the visitation area
- Visitors must wear appropriate PPE including a facial covering that covers the nose and mouth. After the screening process, the visitor will be provided a surgical mask that they will be required to wear for the duration of the visit and while on the facility premises
- Visitors must maintain safe social distancing of at least 6 feet at all times while on the premises
- Visitors must remain outside of the visitor screen and may not come into physical contact with the resident. However, for a resident who is fully vaccinated, he/she can choose to have close contact (including touch) with their visitor while wearing a well-fitting face mask and performing hand hygiene before and after. If a resident and visitor are fully vaccinated, they can visit in resident room without source control and social distancing. Proof of vaccination status must be submitted at the time of the visit.
- Visitors shall not be permitted to use bathrooms in any resident room, unless it is unoccupied and being used for the visitation venue
- Visitors must leave the grounds at the end of the visit and are not permitted to visit with any other resident or enter any other part of the facility. Visitors will be escorted by staff to the visitation area and escorted to the facility exit once the visit is complete

Failure to adhere to these guidelines may result in a visitor's removal from the premises or the denial of future requests for visitation.

*Fully vaccinated is defined by the CDC as a person who is ≥ 2 weeks following receipt of the second dose in a 2dose series, or ≥ 2 weeks following receipt of 1 dose of a single dose vaccine.

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