

Covid Visitation Guidelines

Purpose: To provide guidance for inhouse visitation during COVID-19 pandemic.

Policy: The facility will open for indoor visitation under certain conditions, responsible indoor visitation for all residents will take place, regardless of vaccination status of the resident, or visitors. The safest place to visit is outdoors. All residents have the option to refuse visitors.

In addition, facilities and visitors must adhere to the Core Principles of Infection Control:

- Screening for all who enter the facility; screened for symptoms of COVID-19, temperature screen, and findings documented on the visitation log. Any visitor with a temp of 100 degrees or greater or who has symptoms of COVID-19 will have visit rescheduled to a future date.
- All visitors and vendors must enter through the front door, where screening will occur.
 - All are encouraged to not visit if they are ill and notify the facility if they develop symptoms 14 days of a visit.
- Families may visit residents in the residents' room or another designated area. The recommended visiting hours are from 11-5:00pm.
 - Children between the age of 2 and 5 must wear a mask at all times.
 - Resident, and Family masks should be worn for the entire duration of the visitation.
 - Food is not permitted to be shared during these visitations. All food brought in for the residents should be left with the nurse on duty.
 - In rooms that are shared, curtains should be drawn to ensure the privacy of the roommate.
- Recreation Room/Outside Visitations are available and should be scheduled. Visits will be supervised by a staff member to ensure principles are adhered to. Limited movement in the facility; visitors and vendors are asked not to walk around different halls of the facility. Rather, they should go directly to the designated visitation area.

- Hand hygiene: Hand hygiene rubs with 60-95% alcohol will be available for visitors to clean hands upon entering and leaving visit.
- Personal protection equipment as applicable; Facemasks must be always worn during indoor visits by visitor, vendor and resident.
- Social distancing requirements: The visitor must maintain a distance of at least 6 feet from others, including from those they are visiting.
- Instructional signage throughout the facility; signs will be posted at entrance of building re: protocol when entering the building.
- Cleaning and disinfecting high frequency touched surfaces in the facility, Hospital grade solutions and a regular cleaning schedule in place for equipment, frequently touched areas and common rooms, visitation areas and resident rooms. Proper disinfecting will take place between visits. Including chairs, table and divider.
- Effective cohorting of residents – patients in all tiers may have visitors. This includes patients under isolation, quarantine and beyond.
- Visitors will adhere to the core principles of infection prevention;
- Vendors are allowed with prior notification and must be accompanied by the manager in charge of the reason for the visit.

Per the federal government: While it is safer for visitors not to enter the facility during an outbreak investigation, visitors must still be allowed in the facility. Visitors should be made aware of the potential risk of visiting during an outbreak investigation and adhere to the core principles of infection prevention. If residents or their representative would like to have a visit during an outbreak investigation, they should wear face coverings or masks during visits, regardless of vaccination status, and visits should ideally occur in the resident's room. Facilities may contact their local health authorities for guidance or direction on how to structure their visitation to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission during an outbreak investigation.

This policy is for review of all residents and families. All residents are educated on guidelines on or around 11-16-21.