

**NURSING FACILITY VISITATION:
COVID ALLOWANCES, LIMITATIONS and REQUIREMENTS
(As of 10/06/2020 and per Federal Guidelines and State Orders)**

In response to the recently issued State and Federal Orders and Guidelines regarding Nursing Facility Visitation, In-Facility Visitation will no longer be limited to Compassionate Care Situations, and is now allowed under certain requirements as described below. The Orders and Guidelines require that we safely manage visitation in accordance with Infection Control and Prevention measures, including the limitation of numbers of persons visiting in the facility, the length of time and scheduling for visits, and the requirements for screening of all entering the facility, face coverings (and other PPE in some cases) and social distancing. Please read the Allowances, Limitations, Requirements and Core Principles of Infection Prevention closely before considering or scheduling visits. You are encouraged and very welcome to ask any questions on these Visitation Guidelines and Requirements...and Thank You for your continuing Patience and Understanding.

VISITATION ALLOWANCES and RESTRICTIONS:

This Facility will accommodate and support safe and reasonable indoor visitation, including visits for reasons beyond compassionate care situations, based on the following guidelines:

- a) There has been no new onset of COVID-19 cases in the last 14 days and the facility is not conducting outbreak testing; (during an outbreak, only closed window visits will be allowed)
- b) All Visitors adhere to the CORE PRINCIPLES OF INFECTION PREVENTION -> -> -> -> -> ->
Staff will monitor those who may have difficulty adhering to core principles, such as children;
- c) The Facility will limit the number of visitors per resident at one time and limit the total number of visitors in the facility at one time (based on the size of the building and physical space). Visits will be scheduled for a specified length of time to help ensure all residents visitation availability,
- d) Movement throughout the facility will be limited. (Visitors may not walk around different halls of the facility but must go directly to the designated visitation area. Visits for residents who share a room will not be conducted in the resident's room.
- e) Visitors who are unable to adhere to the core principles of COVID-19 infection prevention will not be permitted to visit or will be asked to leave.
- f) The facility will, at times, be requiring negative results COVID-19 testing within 72 hrs prior to visiting (in addition to symptomatic and risk assessment screening) for visitors Please call in advance of visits to determine if this requirement is in place at the facility or to get information on local COVID-19 testing sites.

CORE PRINCIPLES OF INFECTION PREVENTION:

- All who enter the facility must be screened for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 (e.g., temperature checks, questions or observations about signs or symptoms), and denial of entry of those with signs or symptoms
- Hand hygiene will be required
- Face covering or mask will be required (covering mouth and nose)
- Social distancing of at least six feet between persons must be maintained, unless approved by agreement with the facility and with specific infection prevention measures.
- Instructional signage will be available throughout the facility providing proper visitor education on COVID-19 signs and symptoms, infection control precautions, other applicable facility practices (e.g., use of face covering or mask, specified entries, exits and routes to designated areas, hand hygiene)
- Cleaning and disinfecting high frequency touched surfaces in the facility will be done often, as well as designated visitation areas after each visit
- Appropriate staff and residents use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- Effective cohorting of residents (e.g., separate areas dedicated COVID-19 care) will be done
- Resident and staff testing will be conducted as required by federal and state regulations. Visitor testing may be offered onsite if we can assure sufficient supplies to meet our required testing of residents and staff.

Visits must be scheduled in order to ensure resident safety. If you arrive at the facility for a scheduled visit, PLEASE make sure you stop at the Facility Reception Desk for Sign In, Screening and any as needed Instructions or directions. For any questions please contact Facility Administration, Nursing Administration or Social Work.