

Indoor & Outdoor 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:

- In attempt to avoid a situation where you are waiting at the entrance, we ask that you contact the facility prior to your arrival
- Visitors must adhere to the core principles of infection control which include well-fitting face mask, physical distancing and the use of alcohol-based hand rub
- Outdoor visitation is the preferred method of visiting to avoid the spread of Covid-19, however visitation can be conducted through different means based on the facility's structure and residents' needs, such as in resident rooms, and designated visitation spaces
- 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, (iii) visitors can provide proof a vaccination status
- 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:

- All visitors will be asked if they have Covid-19, have been exposed by someone with Covid-19 in the last 14 days or are being quarantined for Covid-19. If the answer is yes, visitation will be cancelled
- Visitation may be conducted during a Covid-19 outbreak in the facility however, the visitor should be made aware of the potential risk of visiting during an outbreak and must adhere to the core principles of infection prevention
- Visits will be cancelled if visitors display any sign or symptoms of COVID-19 during the screening process

What to Expect During Your Visit:

- Visitors should 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. 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
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- Visitors must maintain safe social distancing of at least 6 feet at all times while on the premises
- Visitors will be asked for their vaccination status. If the visitor does not disclose their vaccination status, they will be considered unvaccinated and must wear a well-fitting face mask during 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 should limit their movement in the facility and should not walk around different halls of the facility. The visitor 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
- If the nursing home's county Covid-19 community level of transmission is substantial to high, all residents and visitors, regardless of vaccination status, should wear face coverings or mask and physically distance, at all times.
- In areas of low to moderate transmission, the safest practice is for residents and visitors to wear face coverings or masks and physically distance, particularly if either of them is at risk for severe disease or are unvaccinated.

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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