

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 visitor, unless certain scenarios arise that would limit visitation for:

- Unvaccinated residents if; 1) the COVID-19 county positivity rate is greater than 10 percent; and 2) less than 70 percent of 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.

Indoor visitation will be suspended if there is a positive COVID case among staff or residents. 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.
- 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 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; any patients under 14 day presumptive/unknown isolation will not participate in indoor visitation. Facetime or window visits will be scheduled.



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- Visitors will adhere to the core principles of infection prevention; Visit will be supervised by a staff member to ensure principles are adhered to.
- There is a 2-person maximum per visit. Visit will be a maximum of 30 minutes. 2 resident visits (4 visitor max) may occur simultaneous while always maintaining 6 ft social distancing.
- limited movement in the facility; visitors will not walk around different halls of the facility. Rather, they should go directly to the designated visitation area.

When a new case of COVID-19 among residents or staff is identified, a facility should immediately begin outbreak testing and suspend all visitation 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 should suspend visitation on the affected unit until the facility meets the criteria to discontinue outbreak testing.
- 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.
- If the resident is fully vaccinated, they can choose to have close contact (including touch) with their visitor while wearing a well-fitting facemask.
- For situations where in room visitation is being requested for other than end of life, visitation will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Taking into consideration the health status of the resident, COVID-19 status of the visitor and their willingness to adhere to use of full PPE-mask, shield, gown, the availability of a private room, community COVID-19 rate.
- Pet visits are currently not taking place.
- The Director of Recreation will set up dates and times of visits. Resident's wishes will be included in the decision-making process. Appointments need to be made in advance except in the case of end-of-life visitation. End of life visits will be scheduled by supervisory staff.