

# **CORONAVIRUS 2019 (COVID-19)**

## **INSTRUCTIONS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** **VISITING PROTOCOL**

1. **Compassionate care visits are allowed regardless of a resident's vaccination status, the county's COVID-19 positivity rate, or an outbreak.**
2. **If the facility's COVID-19 county positivity rate is >10% and <70% of residents in the facility are fully vaccinated, unvaccinated residents will have visiting limited to compassionate care visits only.**
3. **Only residents who are COVID-19 negative or asymptomatic and not suspected to have COVID-19 will be allowed visitors. Residents currently in isolation will not be allowed visitors until isolation precautions have been discontinued, except for compassionate care visits.**
4. **Only individuals who are COVID-19 negative, asymptomatic and not suspected to have COVID-19 will be allowed to visit.**
5. **Visitors who have had close contact with someone with COVID-19 in the prior 14 days will not be allowed to visit regardless of their vaccination status.**
6. **Individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 will be allowed to visit only when:**
  - a. **10 days have passed since onset of symptoms and**
  - b. **No fever for 72 hours without fever reducing medications and**
  - c. **Resolution of respiratory symptoms**
7. **Each resident is allowed \_\_\_\_\_ visitors at a given time.**
8. **The total number of visitors allowed in the facility at any given time is limited.**
  - a. **This facility's visitor limit at one time is \_\_\_\_\_**
9. **Residents receiving visitors are required to wear a face mask or face covering in accordance with CDC guidance.**
10. **Individuals under the age of 16 are not permitted to visit unless supervised by an adult and are able to comply with all visiting instructions.**
11. **Visitors who are unable to adhere to the core principles of COVID-19 infection prevention will not be permitted to visit or asked to leave.**

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- 12. Upon entry visitors are to complete screening with facility personnel. If a visitor has symptoms consistent with COVID-19, has a travel restriction or is unable to demonstrate proper hand hygiene, proper wearing of a facemask or face covering, the visitor is to be restricted from entrance and visiting.**
- 13. Visitors are to perform hand hygiene, wash hands with soap & water for 20 seconds or use alcohol gel upon entry, when leaving and frequently during the visit.**
- 14. Visitors are to wear a facemask when not in the designated visiting areas of the facility and when visiting an unvaccinated resident. The facility may provide an appropriate facemask or face covering for use.**
- 15. Visitors are to sign in, identify what resident they are visiting, relationship to the resident and vaccination status.**
  - a. Visitors are to go to the designated area for visiting only, and are not allowed to go to any other locations within the facility.**
  - b. This facility's designated indoor areas for visiting are**  

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  - c. This facility's designated outdoor areas for visiting are**  

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- 16. Special arrangements may be made for residents who are unable to leave their room or residents who reside in a private room.**
- 17. It is preferred that Residents who reside in a room by themselves receive visitors in their room.**
- 18. Visitors are to limit touching of surfaces within the facility.**
- 19. Visitors are to physically distance from other residents and employees in the facility.**
- 20. It is recommended that visitors and residents practice social distancing while visiting including refraining from shaking hands, hugging, kissing and are to keep a distance of approximately 6 feet between individuals while visiting.**

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- 21. Residents who are fully vaccinated, may choose to have close contact (including touch) with their visitors (both vaccinated and unvaccinated visitors) while wearing a face mask and performing hand-hygiene before and after.
- 22. Residents who are fully vaccinated, and their visitors are fully vaccinated may choose to have close contact (including touch) without wearing a face mask.
- 23. The designated visiting area is to have high touch items cleaned and disinfected following each visiting appointment.
- 24. Because of the significant risk to the health and wellbeing of our residents, if at any time during the visit, the visiting instructions are not followed, the visit will be stopped and the visitor escorted out of the facility.
- 25. Visitors are asked to monitor for signs and symptoms of illness for 14 days following their visit and if they develop symptoms, self isolate at home, notify their healthcare provider and immediately notify this facility of the date, the person and the locations within this facility visited.

I acknowledge the above visiting instructions. I understand if I do not follow the instructions the visit will be stopped and I will be escorted from the facility.

I acknowledge I may potentially be exposed to COVID-19 while visiting in the facility and that the risk for exposure is increased if the facility is currently caring for COVID-19 positive residents or is conducting outbreak testing.

I agree to notify the facility immediately in the event I develop symptoms consistent with COVID-19 or test positive for COVID-19.

Visitor Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Visitor has received the COVID-19 Vaccine    YES        NO

Visitor Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Resident \_\_\_\_\_

Facility Personnel Name \_\_\_\_\_

Facility Personnel Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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