

CORONAVIRUS 2019 (COVID-19)

VISITING PROTOCOL

- 1. If the facility is conducting outbreak testing of residents and employees, visiting will be limited to compassionate care visits only.**
- 2. If there has been a positive case of COVID-19 in an employee or resident in the most recent 14 days, visiting will be limited to compassionate care visits only.**
- 3. If the county in which the facility is located is identified as CMS test classification Red, requiring twice weekly testing of employees, visiting will be limited to compassionate care visits only.**
- 4. Visiting of residents, including indoor, outdoor and compassionate care visits will be arranged by appointment only.**
- 5. Visits in outdoor areas (i.e. patio, front porch, yard, courtyard) are preferred when weather and the residents clinical condition permits. This facility has designated the front patio as the outdoor location for visiting appointments.**
- 6. Indoor visiting will be restricted to a designated location within the facility. This facility has designated the TV room on Opal's Garden (100 Hallway) as the indoor location for visiting appointments. Special arrangements may be made for compassionate care visits, residents who are unable to leave their room or residents who reside in a private room.**
- 7. Only residents who are COVID-19 negative or asymptomatic and not suspected to have COVID-19 will be allowed visitors. Residents currently being restricted or in isolation will not be allowed visitors until restriction or isolation precautions are discontinued, except for compassionate care visits.**
- 8. Only individuals who are COVID-19 negative, asymptomatic and not suspected to have COVID-19 will be allowed to visit.**
- 9. 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**

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- 10. Each resident will be limited to 2 visitors per appointment.**
- 11. The total number of visitors allowed in the facility each day will be limited. This facility's daily visitor limit is ten (10).**
- 12. The total number of visitors allowed in the facility at any given time will be limited. This facility's daily visitor limit is five (5).**
- 13. Visiting appointments will last no longer than 30 minutes and will be scheduled such that all residents who wish to have visitors have the opportunity to do so.**
- 14. Residents receiving visitors will be required to wear a face mask or face covering.**
- 15. Individuals under the age of 16 are not permitted to visit unless able to comply with all visiting instructions and are supervised by an adult.**
- 16. 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.**
- 17. Upon entry visitors will be screened by facility personnel. If the visitor has symptoms consistent with COVID-19, has a travel restrictions or is unable to demonstrate proper infection control techniques, the visitor will be restricted from entrance and visiting.**
- 18. Visitors will be required to perform hand hygiene upon entry and when leaving including washing hands with soap & water for 20 seconds or using alcohol gel.**
- 19. Visitors will be required to wear a facemask for the duration of their visit.**
- 20. Visitors will be required to sign in, identify what resident they are visiting and relationship to the resident.**
- 21. Visitors may go only to the designated area for visiting. Visitors will not be allowed into any other locations within the facility.**
- 22. Visitors are to practice social distancing while in the facility including refraining from shaking hands, hugging, kissing. Visitors are to keep a distance of approximately 6 feet between themselves and others, including the resident they are visiting.**
- 23. 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.**

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24. Visitors will be asked to monitor for signs and symptoms of illness for 14 days following their visit and if they develop symptoms to self isolate at home, notify a healthcare provider and immediately notify the facility of the date, the person and the locations within this facility visited.

25. Visitors will be required to review and sign a Visiting Instructions & Acknowledgement form at the time of each visiting appointment.

Core Principles of COVID-19 Infection Prevention for Visitors

- **Screening of all who enter the facility for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 (temperature checks, questions about signs or symptoms) and denial of entry of those with signs or symptoms.**
- **Hand hygiene, use of alcohol-based hand rub is preferred**
- **Face covering or mask (covering mouth and nose)**
- **Social distancing at least 6 feet between individuals**
- **Visitor education on COVID-19 signs and symptoms, specified facility entry/exit, designated visiting location(s) in and outside the facility**

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