

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

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SUBJECT: Visitation for Skilled Residents During a COVID-19 Pandemic	

Policy Statement

To provide guidance on visitations for a resident on a skilled (short-term) unit during COVID-19 pandemic in the facility.

Policy Interpretation and Implementation

1. Visitation of residents is allowed in the facility with advanced notice.
2. All visitors are to be screened prior to entering and when exiting the facility.
3. All visitors are to adhere to:
 - a. universal masking with a surgical mask;
 - b. frequent practice of hand sanitization, and social distancing from staff and other residents;
 - c. Social distancing from the resident receiving Caregiving is strongly preferred but not required if distancing would not achieve the intended health outcomes of the visit;
 - d. If the resident is fully vaccinated, they can choose to have close contact (including touch) with their visitor while wearing a well-fitting face mask and performing hand-hygiene before and after. (The definition of Fully Vaccinated is: Fully vaccinated refers to a person who is ≥ 2 weeks following receipt of the second dose in a 2-dose series, or ≥ 2 weeks following receipt of one dose of a single-dose vaccine).
4. Facility is requesting visitations should be kept to no than 15 minutes per day.
5. No more than 2 individuals are allowed to visit a resident at a time.
6. Outdoor visits are the preferred method of visitation weather permitted in a designated location.
7. Resident indoor visits will be conducted in a designated location.
8. In the event the resident is having a Compassionate Care Visits, visits will be permitted in a resident's room.
9. Residents who are on transmission-based precautions for COVID-19 should only receive visits that are virtual, through windows, or in-person for compassionate care situations, with adherence to transmission-based precautions.
10. When a new case of COVID-19 among residents or staff is identified, the facility should immediately begin outbreak testing of all staff and residents and suspend visitation on the unit where a case(s) are noted until at least one round of facility-wide testing is completed. Do not test any asymptomatic residents or HCP with a history of SARSCoV-2 infection within the previous 90 days. Visitation can resume based on the following criteria:
 - a. 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. For example, if the first round of outbreak testing reveals two

more COVID-19 cases in the same unit as the original case, but not in other units, visitation can resume for residents in areas/units with no COVID-19 cases.

b. 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 facility should suspend visitation for all residents (vaccinated and unvaccinated), until the facility meets the criteria to discontinue outbreak testing.

c. The facility may allow outdoor visits to residents who are not on units that have an outbreak. If outdoor visits are permitted the facility will inform visitors there is an active outbreak in the facility and there may be a risk to their health.

11. The facility holds the right to suspend resident visitations based on state and federal guidelines.