Brownway Residence

**DEPARTMENT: NURSING**

**LICENSING CATEGORY:** N/A

**SUBJECT:** Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Indoor Visitation

**EFFECTIVE: NOVEMBER 1, 2020**

**Policy:**

As the State of Vermont begins to allow indoor visitation, Brownway Residence will strictly monitor and document all visits as recommended. The procedures, outlined below, will ensure the continued health and safety of all residents and staff.

**Procedure:**

1. Indoor visitation will begin November 1, 2020
   1. Visits will occur Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday between the hours of 1pm and 4pm
   2. Visits must be scheduled, **in advance,** through the facility directly and will be limited to **FIFTEEN (15) minutes in duration (plan to arrive on time or you will forfeit your visit).**
   3. Visitors are not permitted to leave the designated visiting area for any reason
      1. Bathroom access is restricted to visitors during the phased reopening
2. For the first 30 days of indoor visits, residents are limited to **ONE** (1) visit per week with a designated visitor.
   1. A second designated visitor will be permitted beginning December 1, 2020 during phase II of the facility reopening procedures.
3. Visitors are required to complete the “Visitation Assessment” prior to visiting with their loved one.
   1. Prior to the first indoor visit, designated visitors are required to review and sign that they acknowledge and understand the infection control education as well as the rules surrounding visits with their loved one.
   2. **Out of state visitors are NOT permitted unless they have been in Vermont, under quarantine, for a minimum of 14 days** **or 1 week quarantine with 1 negative test.**
   3. Any visitors, with symptoms of COVID-19, will be excluded from visitation at their scheduled visit time.
4. All visits will take place in the designated area so that staff can coordinate the appropriate paperwork, observe the visit and intervene if necessary.
5. All visitors are required to strictly adhere to the following infection control measures:
   1. Facemask must be worn, properly, at all times – visitors are required to provide their own facemask. Visits will not be permitted into the facility if a facemask is not worn.
   2. Hands must be sanitized at the beginning of each visit – sanitizer will be provided upon visitor arrival. Verbal and visual instructions will be provided.
   3. Physical contact, to include passing of items directly to a resident, is prohibited – any gifts or items for the resident should be given to staff for proper sanitizing of items prior to being handled by residents (items will be held for 2 hours prior to giving them to the residents).
   4. Visitors are required to maintain a social distance of at least 6 feet during the visit.
   5. NO pets allowed.
6. Failure to follow the policy and procedures, surrounding these visits, will result in immediate termination of the visit. Depending on the violation, and at the discretion of the Executive Director, the resident may be subject to a 14 day quarantine and two (2) negative COVID-19 tests, to ensure the continued health and safety of all residents and staff. At minimum, a violation during a visit, will result in staff supervision for all future visits.
7. New Admissions will be quarantined for 14 days upon admission. No in person visitations are permitted. However, we encourage zooms, skypes, and phone calls. Please sign up upon admission for a visit in person to secure a spot as days and times are limited.