

Visitation

Policy Statement

Our facility permits residents to receive visitors subject to the resident's wishes and the protection of the rights of other residents in the facility.

Policy Interpretation and Implementation

1. We recognize the resident's need to maintain contact with the community in which he or she has lived or is familiar. Therefore, the resident is permitted to have visitors as he/she wishes.
2. The facility provides 24-hour access to all individuals visiting with the consent of the resident. Some visitations may be subject to reasonable restrictions that protect the security of the facility's residents such as:
 - a. Limiting or supervising visits from persons who are known or suspected to be abusive or exploitative to a resident.
 - b. Denying access to individuals who are found to have been committing criminal acts; and
 - c. Denying access to visitors who are inebriated or disruptive.
3. Infection control: The Assistant Director of Nursing is the designated individual responsible for ensuring that our staff and visitors adhere to the policies and procedures that help prevent the spread of any communicable cold/virus to include COVID-19. Visitor will be provided with educational information regarding COVID-19 and other infectious diseases when appropriate. Please practice social distancing.
 - a. If you maintain a 6-foot distance from others, we can decrease the chances of being exposed to viruses or spreading any virus on to our residents.
 - b. Wash your hands (hand hygiene) often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water is not available, we have hand sanitizer located throughout the facility. Please perform hand hygiene after sneezing, coughing, touching your nose or mouth and after using the restroom.
 - c. Please remember to cover your sneeze, either with the crook of your arm or sneezing into a tissue.
 - d. Please fill out the visitor screening tool for COVID-19 before you enter the facility.
 - e. If you have any signs and symptoms the following: fever greater than 100.0 F entry into our facility is prohibited. If you are having a cough, sore throat, chills, headache, diarrhea, muscle pain, fatigue, nausea, or vomiting, entry into our facility is prohibited. Please visit your loved one when you are free of any of the above signs and symptoms.
 - f. If you have tested positive or have been around other individual(s) suspected of or have been confirmed to have been having a positive for having the COVID, per CDC recommendations please do not enter the facility.
 - g. If you have traveled outside of the US:
 - *Did you test for COVID-19 within 3-5 days of return? If no entry into our facility is prohibited.
 - *If you did test and your where positive entry into our facility is prohibited.
 - g. Please wear a surgical mask when in our facility. We provide free surgical masks in our lobby.

4. Visitors may include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Spouses (including same-sex and transgender spouses);
 - b. Domestic partners (including same-sex and transgender domestic partners);
 - c. Other family members; and
 - d. Friends.
 - e. A resident, or a resident's designated family member may designate a visitor of their choosing to be designated as an essential caregiver to visit our residents. Provided said designated essential caregiver follows the criteria outlined in this policy.
5. All lawful marriages and spouses will be recognized for purposes of this and all other policies, regardless of any contradictory state or local laws.
6. Residents will be informed upon admission of their rights to 24-hour visitation.
7. Residents are permitted to visit with representatives from federal and state survey agencies, resident advocates, the State long-term care ombudsman, protection and advocacy agencies for individuals with developmental disabilities or mental illness, clergy and/or their personal physicians at any time.
8. The resident has the right to deny visitation at any time. If a resident chooses to withdraw consent for visitation by a particular individual, the name of that person and the date of withdrawn consent shall be documented in the resident's medical record.
9. The facility reserves the right to limit the number of visitors in the room at one time to protect the rights of the person sharing the room.
10. A critically ill resident may have visitors of his/her choice at any time, as long as visitation is not medically contraindicated. (Note: The resident's care plan identifies visitor restriction information.)
11. The facility will not restrict, limit, or otherwise deny visitation privileges on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation or disability.
12. The facility reserves the right to change the location of a visit if such visit infringes upon the rights of the resident's roommate or other residents in the facility.

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13. Unless otherwise permitted by the resident, visitors will be required to wait outside the room or in the lobby while the resident is receiving treatment, undergoing examinations, and/or receiving personal care.
14. Incidents of any visitor's disruptive behavior must be documented in the resident's medical record or other facility approved form.
15. Space is available in the lobby/lounge for residents to receive guests in reasonable comfort and privacy.
16. Inquiries concerning visitation and access to the facility should be referred to the Administrator or his/her designee.

References	
OBRA Regulatory Reference Numbers	483.10(f)(4)
Survey Tag Numbers	F562; F563; F564
Other References	CDC publication “Visitor Screening Tool for COVID-19”
Related Documents	
Version	2.0 (H5MAPL0934)