

Outdoor Visitation

Policy & Procedure

Policy:

It is the policy of this center to follow CDC and CMS guidelines and best practices for outdoor visitation.

Procedure:

1. Outdoor, in-person visitation is permitted in designated, outdoor visitation space with approval from local and state health departments.
2. Any resident suspected or confirmed to be infected with COVID-19 will not be provided with in-person, outdoor visitation.
3. Residents with a history of resolved COVID-19 may be provided with in-person, outdoor visitation.
4. Each visitor will be screened for fever or respiratory symptoms prior to the resident being transported to the designated outdoor visitation space.
5. Any individual with symptoms of COVID-19 infection (refer to visitor screening log) will not be permitted to enter the center or have in-person visits with a resident.
6. Visitors will provide contact information on the screening log to assist in contact tracing if needed.
7. Visitors will be asked to sign a "Visitor Waiver" prior to entering the visitation area. If visitor refuses to sign, document the refusal and maintain documentation in the visitation file.
8. Residents being transported to outdoor visitation areas will not move through a designated COVID-19 care space or space where residents suspected or confirmed to be infected with COVID-19 are present.
9. A designated staff member trained in patient safety and infection control measures will remain in the designated visitation area with the resident during each visit. Documentation of training will be maintained in the employee personnel file.
10. Visitors will be limited to no more than two individuals per resident.
11. Each visitor will remain at least 6 feet from the resident and staff member during the visit.
12. Staff, residents and visitors will wear a face mask at all times during the visit.
13. Hand sanitizer will be provided at each designated outdoor visitation space and visitors will be required to perform hand hygiene prior to visiting with residents.
14. Outdoor visits with residents will be scheduled in advance and are dependent on permissible weather conditions, availability of outdoor space and appropriate staffing to meet resident care needs.

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15. The length of time for visitation may be limited by the center including the days on which visits will be permitted, the hours during a day when visits will be permitted and the number of times during a day or week residents may be visited.
16. Ask visitors to inform the facility if they develop fever or symptoms consistent with COVID-19 within 14 days of visiting the facility.
17. Staff will screen any individuals who had contact with the visitor for the level of exposure and follow up with the Medical Director for guidance.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/long-term-care.html>

I have read, understand and agree to adhere to the requirements outlined in this policy and procedure.

Administrator Signature: _____ Date: _____

Medical Director Signature: _____ Date: _____

Review Dates: _____

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