

	In- Person visitation policy	
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PURPOSE: To provide policy and procedures related to visitation

SCOPE: To provide infection control and education policies for visitors in the event of an infectious outbreak

POLICY: In -person Visitation

PROCEDURE: The designated Safety Committee chairperson will be the person responsible for ensuring that staff adhere to policies and procedures.

- I. Visitation Hours- Visiting hours are 8 am- 9 pm seven days a week with no limit of number of visitors or time
 - a. Visitors to the community will sign in and out on the log in the binder at the front desk with the receptionist. The binder will include this policy for visitor infection control, education, and review and addresses:
 - i. Designated visitors
 - ii. Consensual contact
 - iii. Screening requirements
 - iv. General visitation requirements
 - v. Visitation space
 - vi. Reducing the risk of infection

- II. Designated Visitors
 - a. A resident, client or patient may designate a visitor who is a family member, friend, guardian or other individual as an essential caregiver. The community will allow in person visitation for at least two hours daily an essential caregiver in addition to regular visitation as it applies to visiting hours
 - b. The visitation policy set for allows in person visitation in all of the following circumstances, unless the resident objects:
 - i. End of Life situations
 - ii. A resident who was living with family before being admitted to a provider's cares is struggling with the change in environment and lack of in-person family support
 - iii. The resident is making one or more major medical decisions
 - iv. A resident is experiencing emotional distress or grieving the loss of a friend or family member that recently died
 - v. A resident who needs cueing or encouragement to eat or drink which was previously provided by the family or caregiver
 - vi. A resident who used to talk and interact with others is seldom speaking

- III. The community will not require visitors to submit proof of any vaccination or immunization

- IV. The community will allow consensual physical contact between a resident and the visitor

- V. Screening requirements
 - a. Visitors to the community are required to sign in and out at the front desk with receptionist

- i. The visitor will sign the sign in and out log attesting to being non-symptomatic of an infectious disease. If the visitor is symptomatic, they may be subject to wear extra PPE throughout the building

VI. Screening Requirements During Infection Outbreak

- a. Visitation can be conducted through different means based on the facility’s structure and residents’ needs, such as in resident rooms, dedicated visitation spaces, and outdoors. Regardless of how visits are conducted, certain core principles and best practices reduce the risk of infectious disease transmission apply and are listed below:
 - i. Visitors should adhere to all infection prevention measures during the visit
 - ii. Visitors should clean their hands with alcohol-based hand sanitizer or perform hand washing upon arrival

VII. Visitation Spaces

- a. There are several options and spaces for visitation to take place in such as in resident rooms, communal visitation spaces, and outdoor spaces
 - i. Outdoor Visitation
 - 1. Outdoor visitation is preferred as these visits generally pose a lower risk of transmission due to increased space and airflow
 - ii. Indoor Visitation
 - 1. During indoor visitation within a resident’s room or communal space, visitors should be aware of space available within room and coordinate visitation times and number of visitors based on the space available within the room that will be used for visitation

VIII. Infection Prevention Measures

- a. There are certain core principles and best practices that reduce the risk of Infectious transmission. These core principles are consistent with The State of Florida and can help prevent unknowing transmission of infection. We encourage you to join our efforts in reducing the risk of infection by practicing these measures both inside and outside of the community.
 - i. Cover your mouth and nose with a mask
 - ii. Ask the Residence Director for a mask and/or other PPE if needed
 - iii. Wash your hands often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol
 - iv. When you cough or sneeze use the inside of your elbow and do not spit
 - v. Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces. This includes tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, sinks, faucets, desk, keyboards, phones and tablets
 - vi. When surfaces are dirty, clean them with a disinfectant that is approved by the EPA to eliminate the virus that cause flu like outbreaks