



*At a glance, things to remember...re in person &
exterior visitation 3/10/2021*

- ✓ *The information contained in this outline supersedes and replaces previously issued guidance and recommendations regarding visitation.*
- ✓ *CMS in conjunction with CDC is emphasizing the importance of maintaining infection prevention practices, given the continued risk of Covid-19 transmission particularly in congregate care settings.*
- ✓ *Outline includes combined CMS/CDC guidelines as well as facility specific guidelines.*
- ✓ *Recognizing the effects of physical and social separation of residents from loved ones and the emotional toll this has exerted in many ways has necessitated an adjustment in visitation due to the effectiveness and overall impact of Covid-19 vaccination in Nursing Homes.*

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- ✓ Regardless of how visits are conducted there are certain core principles and best practices that must be adhered to at all times as follows:
- ✓ Screening, Hand hygiene, Face covering, Physical distancing, Signage posted, Cleaning & disinfecting, Use of PPE, Cohorting residents, and testing residents/staff per protocol and testing strategy plan
- ✓ Visitation will be person centered, considering the residents physical, mental and psychosocial well-being and support quality of life.
- ✓ Visitation will occur with provision of adequate degree of privacy
- ✓ Visitors who are unable to adhere to the core principles of Covid-19 infection prevention will not be permitted to visit or will be asked to leave.
- ✓ Outdoor visitation is still preferred even if both parties are **fully vaccinated** against Covid-19 as outdoor visits generally pose a lower risk of transmission due to increased space and airflow.
- ✓ Facility has accessible and safe outdoor spaces for visitation, on the Sunshine and 3rd Avenue patios as well as the lower level Courtyard. In addition, there is a tent "Hut Heaven" with propane heating and blankets from the blanket warmer available on the Sunshine patio.
- ✓ **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, per the CDC's Public Health Recommendations for Vaccinated Persons.
- ✓ Indoor visitation is allowed at all times and for all residents regardless of vaccination status except for a few circumstances as follows: Unvaccinated residents, if the nursing home's COVID-19 county positivity rate is $>10\%$ **and** $<70\%$ of residents in the facility are fully vaccinated, residents with confirmed Covid-19 infection and residents in quarantine.
- ✓ Facilities can consider scheduling visits for a specified length of time, however SH will not be doing this as we have a large building footprint and ample space to accommodate visitation and still comply with the core principles of infection prevention
- ✓ Sunny Hill is limiting visitor movement in the facility as recommended and visitors should go directly to the resident's room

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or designated visitation area and not walk around different halls of the facility.

- ✓ *While acknowledging the toll separation and isolation has taken there is no substitute for physical contact such as a warm embrace between a resident and their loved one.*
- ✓ *Therefore, 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. Regardless, visitors should physically distance from other residents and staff in the facility.*
- ✓ *Compassionate care visitation is permitted at all times and coordinated by Social Services if needed for any situation*
- ✓ *Indoor visitation may continue even in outbreak situations, however there are certain prerequisites to be fulfilled. To swiftly detect prevalence and positive cases facilities must adhere to CMS regulations and guidance for Covid-19 testing, including routine staff testing, testing of individuals with symptoms and outbreak testing.*
- ✓ *In all cases visitors will be notified about the Covid-19 exposure occurrences in the facility and outbreak status via emergency Call Em All system.*
- ✓ *Sunny Hill encourages visitors to become vaccinated when they have the opportunity but visitors are not required to be tested or vaccinated.*
- ✓ *Federal and State surveyors, ombudsman are not required to be vaccinated and must be permitted entry to facilities unless they exhibit signs or symptoms of Covid-19.*

These approaches and expectations are critical to maintaining ongoing resident, family and staff safety.

THANK YOU EVERYONE!

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