

VISITATION PROCESS

On 5/12/2021 NJ DOH amended the EO 20-026 and now requires facility accommodations to visitors within established parameters (currently the below and attached are in effect however we all assume that there will be ongoing adjustment to respond to the on the ground realities) in addition to many expected DOH updates.

GENERAL RULES:

PPE requirement: All visitors and residents must wear mask during visitation regardless of vaccine status or COVID status. Visitor can remove mask if resident and visitor are fully vaccinated and nobody else is present in the room/ area at the time of visitation.

SCREENING: The facility must log and screen everyone entering the facility per E.D. 20-026 and this memo, regardless of their vaccination status. Visitors should be screened and restricted from visiting, regardless of their vaccination status, if they

- (1) have current SARS-CoV-2 infection.
- (2) have symptoms of COVID-19; or
- (3) had prolonged close contact (within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period) with someone with SARS-CoV-2 infection in the prior 14 days or have otherwise met criteria for quarantine.

TESTING/CONSENT/ EDUCATION

1. Obtain COVID vaccine information, Offer testing to all family member upon entrance.
2. Obtain Consent, provide education regarding infection control practices such as handwashing, donning, Doffing etc.

VISITATION GUIDANCE:

No indoor /outdoor visitation for COVID + /PUI is allowed until isolation discontinued regardless of COVID vaccination status EXCEPT Compassionate Care, End of Life and Hospice.

INDOOR VISITATION DURING OUTBREAK

- Single new case of COVID+ of resident or staff, a facility must begin outbreak testing and suspend all visitation including outdoor visitation as well. No indoor visitation on affected unit x 14 days.
- Complete round # 1 testing of facility wide testing, if round#1 testing reveals NO NEW COVID + in other units, resume visitation for clean units ONLY.
- If round # 1 reveals any new case in other units in the facility, SUSPEND all indoor visitation x 14 days.

All INDOOR VISITATIONS:

- All visitations are by appointment only with a maximum of 2 visitors per resident per visitation.
- All visitors (including staff, providers, and vendors; except EMS) must be Screened for: Temperature, Exposure or Actual Positive, 14-day health history, Symptoms and Travel locations history.
- All visitors must sanitize their hands prior to entry.
- All Visitors must be logged by name and their contact information.
- Consent Forms (attached) MUST be signed for by resident (to remain on file) PER VISITOR about the risks inherited with encountering a possible infectious person & the rules of compliance to the Infection Control building standard.
- Consent Forms (attached) signed by the Visitors (to remain on file) : To the risk of possibly getting exposed to Coronavirus, received the education of hygiene , building Infection Control Policy & proper PPE usage and will remain in compliance throughout the visit.
- Must post visual signage about Hand washing, social distancing, and PPE usage.
- **VISITORS MUST ADHERE TO SOCIAL DISTANCING MANDATES OF SIX FEET DISTANCING, CAN NOT VISIT OTHER RESIDENTS AND CAN NOT TOUCH IF NOT FULLY VACCINATED.**
- Visitation Rules must be given to the visitors as a printed hand out.
- **No cloth mask allowed in the facility.** All visitors must wear Surgical mask while visitation regardless of vaccination status.
- Visitors are allowed to use their PPE i.e. surgical masks, sanitize hands, gloves etc. however every building should maintain a stock for the visitor's usage.
- RESTRICT any visitor that demonstrates the inability to comply with strict PPE usage and infection prevention technique.
- Administrators have sole discretion and legal able to curtail, change, limit and stop visitations in events that safety is of concern.

OUTDOOR VISITATION:

Outdoor visits are permitted for residents who are not COVID-19 positive and who are not in quarantine under transmission-based precautions at all the times unless in OUTBREAK status. All screening and infection prevention and control protocols must be followed, and visits must be scheduled with the facility in accordance with E.D. 20-026. Outdoor visits are allowed in any phase for the facility and CALL score for the region.

- All non-active COVID or PUI residents are encouraged to participate on a routine schedule for outdoor visitation weather permitting.
- Appointments, Screening, Social Distancing and Hand Hygiene required.