

Visitation Plan Guidelines

Facility Name:

Approved By:

Date of Origin:

Revised Date:

Rationale:

Safe visitation procedures are designed to ensure the safety and well-being of patients/residents, visitors and staff.

Responsibility:

The facility will facilitate in-person visitation consistent with applicable Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) regulations and Centers for Disease Prevention and Control (CDC) guidance.

Protocols:

Screening visitors will be consistently performed as recommended by the CDC. Screening may be carried out using a quick assessment or questionnaire.

• Screening

- All visitors will be screened upon entry to the facility.
- Visitors with confirmed infection or symptoms will be encouraged to defer any non-urgent in-person visitation until they meet the CDC criteria to end isolation in health care settings.
- Visitors who have had close contact with someone with an infectious disease may be asked to defer non-urgent in-person visitation until they meet the criteria described in the CDC's guidelines for health care settings.
- Visitors who test positive for an infectious disease or have symptoms of an infectious disease should not enter the facility.

• Hand Hygiene

- Alcohol-based hand rub will be available for visitor use as appropriate to the setting.

• Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

- Face coverings or masks (covering mouth and nose) will be worn by visitors in accordance with facility expectations and the most current CDC guidance.
- Visitors will be encouraged to follow instructional signage posted within the facility related to specific expectations for isolation settings.

• Respiratory Etiquette

- Visitors will be encouraged to follow signage in place throughout the facility related to expectations for mask use and covering coughs, sneezes, etc.

• Physical Distancing

- Visitors will be asked to practice physical distancing as appropriate to the setting and situation.

• Visitation of Residents on Transmission-Based Precautions

- Visitors will be educated on transmission-based precautions and adhere to infection prevention recommendations as outlined by the facility, such as proper hand hygiene, appropriate use of PPE and physical distancing measures associated with isolation settings.
- Visitation will occur in the resident's room or designated area.

• Visitation During an Outbreak or Ongoing Transmission of an Infectious Disease

- Guidance related to visitation during an outbreak will be based on local, state, territorial, tribal or federal guidelines.
- The facility will inform visitors, residents or their representative of any potential risk of visiting and necessary precautions related to COVID-19 or other infections in order to conduct visitation.