

# Visitation Guidance

## to protect patients, residents and participants

### *Follow facility instructions for the use of personal protective equipment*

Due to the vulnerable nature of patients, residents and participants, the following practices are recommended to prevent the spread of illness.

Visitors with respiratory or other illnesses/infections that could spread to others should defer non-urgent in-person visitation until they are well (e.g., no fever for 24 hours *without fever-reducing medication*, nausea, vomiting or diarrhea).



**Wash your hands** often with an alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water



**Wear personal protective equipment** (mask, etc.) as directed by the facility staff



**Cover your cough** with a tissue; if you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your elbow



**Practice physical distancing** to avoid close contact with others

*Visitors who are unable to adhere to the practices listed above should not visit, per CMS and the CDC.*

CMS and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) emphasize the importance of maintaining infection prevention practices during visitation.