



## NURSING & REHABILITATION

### **Policy for Visitation by Designated Visitors** **(with updates from PL 21-08 NF)**

**You are eligible to visit if you meet the following criteria:**

1. Must be the designated visitor for the resident.
  - There are only TWO (2) designated visitors allowed per resident.
  - These two assigned designated visitors will remain permanent on the list of visitors and cannot be replaced at any time.
  - *Up to two (2) designated visitors per resident can visit at the same time per day.*
  - Anyone not on the official list who attempts to visit will not be permitted to enter the facility.
2. Must be at least 18 years of age.
3. Must have no underlying medical condition which may be aggravated by wearing of facemask over both the mouth and nose throughout the visit.
4. Must have no symptoms suggestive of COVID-19 which may include but not limited to fever (Temp  $\geq$  100.4F), cough, diarrhea, pink eye, sore throat, headache, etc).
5. Must have no history travel out of state or internationally within the past 14 days.
6. Must have no known exposure to positive COVID-19 case.
7. Must have a scheduled visit.

#### **What to bring:**

One (1) valid driver's license or state issued ID.

### Visitation Hours:

- Visiting hours are strictly 8:00 am - 6:00 pm Monday - Friday only.
- Last visit will be scheduled at 5:00 pm.
- No visitation during the weekends.
- Each visit must be by appointment only.
- No walk-in visits are allowed.

### Visitation Guidelines:

- All residents regardless of COVID status may have a visitor.
- Each resident may have a visitor.
- Only one (1) resident may have visitors per room.
- A facemask over both the mouth and nose and a pair of clean exam gloves will be required throughout the visit when visiting a resident with a negative COVID-19 status.
- **Full PPE (facemask over the mouth and nose, face shield or goggles, gloves, and gown) will be required when visiting a resident with positive (hot zone) and unknown (warm zone) COVID-19 status. Residents are in the “warm zone” for the first 14 days of their stay.**
- There will be no time limit for each visit. However, only one (1) resident may have a visitor in each room. If a visitor comes in for the other resident in the room, the first visitor must vacate the room to allow physical distancing to the next visitor.
- The designated visitor is not required to observe physical distancing with the resident.
- Must observe 6-ft physical distancing between persons and other residents.
- The visitor must refrain from walking around the facility and must only stay with their loved one.
- Please refrain from bringing personal belongings inside the facility.
- Anything that is brought in the building will be disinfected using the EPA approved disinfectant available in the facility.
- All visitors are expected to comply with the facility’s infection control protocol.
- Failure to comply to visitation requirements may result to denial of visitation rights to any designated visitor.

**\*\*\*Any new positive COVID-19 case will subject the respective hall to cancellation of visitation until the COVID-19 case is cleared.**

**Before entering the building:**

**Check-in process**

The visitor must stand 6-ft away from the door (this is marked on the ground in front of the door by a red paper stop sign) as the front desk personnel verify the following:

1. Proof of identity
2. Appointment schedule

**Upon entering the building:**

**1. Screening Process**

Once checked-in, the visitor will be asked to perform hand hygiene and to put on a facemask upon entry to the building.

The screening process will include:

- a. Temperature check (Temperature must be less than 100.4F)
- b. Assessment of symptoms

A set questions pertaining to COVID-19 symptoms will be asked by the front desk personnel.

Questions will include:

- Do you have fever, cough, headache, sore throat, diarrhea, pink eye, etc.?
- Have you been exposed to someone with known positive COVID case within the past 14 days?
- Have you had any travels outside of the state or country within the past 14 days?

**2. Infection control training**

A brief orientation on facility's infection control protocols will be provided to the visitor(s) on the first visit.

### **When entering the hallway:**

- Visitors should use the bathroom prior to entering each hallway if they need to do so.
- Visitors will be asked to wash their hands and wear a pair of clean exam gloves prior to entering the hallway.

### **While inside the room:**

- Only one (1) resident can have visitor(s) per room.
- The visitor(s) must stay with their respective resident to limit the exposure to other residents.
- The visitor(s) is expected to wear a facemask over the mouth and nose and a new pair of clean exam gloves.

### **Before exiting the building:**

- When the visit is over, the visitor(s) will exit at the end of the hallway.
- The visitor will perform alcohol-based hand sanitizer accessible near the exit.

### **Disinfection**

At the end of every visit, a facility staff will disinfect all highly touched surfaces within the general area where the visitation occurred. An EPA approved disinfectant must be used for disinfection. This includes the following but not limited to:

- Side rails
- Doorknobs
- Call light
- Bed control
- TV remote control
- Chair