



Revised Visitation Guidelines

CMS has revised the visitation guidance for indoor visitation during an outbreak investigation and when we are in quarantine. CMS states in the revised guidance that while it is safer for visitors not to enter the facility during an outbreak investigation or during quarantine, visitors must be allowed in the facility. Visiting during an outbreak investigation may cause potential risk to yourself and or other residents or staff. Visitors are asked to stay home if they are feeling ill in any way.

The residents do have the right to deny or withdraw consent for a visit at the any time. We do have to ensure that the visit does not place other residents or staff at risk, so we ask that you go directly to the resident room and do not be out in common areas. We also must follow the core principles as follows to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission.

- Visitors who have a positive viral test for COVID-19, symptoms of COVID-19, or currently meet the criteria for quarantine, should not enter the facility. All visitors should be screened.
- Perform Hand hygiene (use of alcohol-based hand rub is preferred)
- Face covering or mask (covering mouth and nose) and *physical* distancing at least six feet between people, in accordance with CDC guidance, unless the resident asks for physical touching.
- Instructional signage throughout the facility and proper visitor education on COVID- 19 signs and symptoms, infection control precautions, other applicable facility practices (e.g., use of face covering or mask.
- Enter through front door and screen in on kiosk and exit through Fountain View doors and screen out on pink paper being sure fill in all boxes on the sheet.

These core principles are consistent with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance for nursing homes and should be **adhered to at all times**.

While, CMS does not recommend visitors, residents who are on transmission-based precautions and or in quarantine can still receive visitors. If the resident is in quarantine and or there is an outbreak investigation, you are required to wear a facemask and the resident is encouraged to also wear a well-fitted facemask if he/she tolerates it.

While not required, CMS is encouraging all visitors to get vaccinated as the county is at high levels of community transmission. CMS is recommending visitors be tested on your own 2-3 days prior to coming to the facility. We encourage visitors to contact your local area pharmacies where free COVID-19 tests are available prior to visiting. Please do not visit the facility if you are feeling ill in any way. Visitor testing and vaccination can help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Sunrise asks that you show proof of your vaccination, if you decline to show your vaccination status, you should wear a mask at all times during all visits regardless of if it is an outbreak investigation or regular visit.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact myself or any of our management team.

Thank you,

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