

Outdoor Visitation Plan

In-person visitation in a designated outdoor visitation space may occur subject to the following safety, care, and infection prevention and control measures as outlined below:

- a. Starting next week, the Adult Care Facility (ACF) will start scheduling appointments.
- b. A resident who is suspected or confirmed to be infected with COVID-19; or quarantined for an exposure to a COVID-19 case cannot be visited except for an end of life situation. A resident who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 may be visited only after they have met the criteria for discontinuation of isolation as defined in guidance from CDC.
- c. The facility should honor each resident's right to have and choose visitors and to make preferences. The facility should consult every resident to determine who the resident would wish to visit with in person. These consultations also serve as a personalized communication with the resident to explain how visitation will work and what the resident can expect.
- d. Clear communication of the visitation policy should be provided to residents, resident's visitors, staff and others, as needed in writing, via the methods the facility uses to convey information or policy changes. Facilities should consider providing the visitation guidelines in various languages as needed.
- e. The facility should establish a designated area for visitors to be screened that accommodates social distancing and infection control standards. Visitors should be provided with the visitation guidelines upon check in. The facility should provide graphics to assist residents and visitors in maintaining social distancing and infection control standards. Visitors are not permitted entrance past the reception area of the facility, including restrooms, which will not be available to visitors at this time.
- f. The facility should provide a visiting area with accommodations offered for those with mobility needs and designated seating for visitors. The facility should also provide reasonable accommodations for any resident with a disability, such as hearing, vision, or cognitive impairments, and assist any resident with transport using their adaptive equipment.
- g. Prior to transporting a resident to the designated outdoor visitation space, the Adult Care Facility (ACF) must screen the visitor for infectious communicable diseases, including COVID-19 symptoms. Any visitors with symptoms of COVID-19 infection (subjective or objective fever equal to or greater than 99.2 F or as further restricted by facility policy, chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, sore throat, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, or diarrhea) will not be permitted to visit with a resident.
- h. Transport of a resident to and from the designated outdoor visitation space must be safe and orderly. At a minimum, safe transport means that the resident cannot be transported through any space designated as COVID-19 care space or space where residents suspected or confirmed to be infected with COVID-19 are present. Transport must be done while keeping 6 feet distance between other residents and staff.
- i. An Adult Care Facility (ACF) staff member familiar with the required protocols must remain with the resident at all times during the visit.

- j. Each resident is limited to no more than two visitors at a time. A visitor must remain at least 6 feet from the resident and attending staff member(s) at all times during the visit. Whenever possible, visitors should wait in a vehicle prior to the visitation time. If the visitor is using public or ride share transport, the visitor(s) should wait in an outdoor space that ensures social distancing of at least six feet from other visitors.
- k. Staff must wear a surgical facemask; residents must wear a face covering (surgical mask if supply is available); and visitors must wear a face covering or mask for the duration of the visit. Visits with a resident in a designated outdoor space must be scheduled in advance and are dependent on permissible weather conditions, availability of outdoor space, and sufficient staffing at the facility to meet resident care needs, as well as the health and well-being of the resident. Facilities should provide appropriate protection from the weather, (e.g. sun, heat, and rain). Visits may be cancelled because of inclement or unsafe weather conditions (e.g. high humidity/heat, poor air quality).
- l. The Adult Care Facility (ACF) may limit the length of any visit, the days on which visits will be permitted, the hours during a day when visits will be permitted, and the number of times during a day or week a resident may be visited.
- m. Food is not permitted during the visits. Visitors may bring items for the resident but must leave the package at reception or another location, as directed by the facility. Visitors may bring their own water which cannot be shared with the resident. The facility shall provide appropriate hydration for the resident during the visit.
- n. At the conclusion of the visit, the residents should be transported back to their rooms by a facility staff member.
- o. The facility must receive informed consent from the visitor and the resident in writing that they are aware of the possible dangers of exposure to COVID-19 for both the resident and the visitor and that they will follow the rules set by the facility in regard to outdoor visitation. The facility must receive a signed statement from each visitor and resident (if the resident is unable to consent then the consent needs to be signed by the authorized representative) with a copy provided to the visitor and resident, that they are aware of the risk of exposure to COVID-19 during the visit, that they will strictly comply with the facility policies during outdoor visitation, and that the visitor will notify the facility if they test positive for COVID-19 or exhibit symptoms of COVID-19 within fourteen days of the visit.



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