

## Outdoor Visitation



### 18. Outdoor Visitation:

The facility, in continuing to follow the recommendations of CMS and guidance from DPH, IDPH and the CDC for relaxing restrictions and mitigating risk of resurgence, will begin allowing outdoor visitation for residents when below conditions are met.

#### GUIDANCE:

The facility will create a plan specific to the facility which will be reviewed weekly and will be subject to modification or change as necessary, to ensure the most current guidance is being followed. The weekly strategic plan should be kept in the COVID binder and shared drive.

#### 1. Visitation

- a. The facility will communicate with the visitors the rules for visiting.
- b. Will be limited to **two visitors at a time** per resident.
- c. The Facility will clearly communicate and enforce social distancing of six feet between the resident and all visitors.
- d. The Facility will set the maximum number of visitors allowed in a single day.
- e. The maximum duration of visitation will be for 30 minutes regardless of the number of visitors.
- f. Visitors must schedule an appointment with the facility to visit a resident.
- g. Visitors will not be permitted to enter the facility at any time during their visit.
- h. For the duration of the visit, the **resident and visitor must wear a face covering** (cloth is acceptable) and practice social distancing.
- i. The Facility will have staff supervision during each visit to ensure the use of face coverings and social distancing.
- j. The facility may limit or cancel visits based on extreme weather and other factors that impact resident's overall wellbeing.

#### 2. Screening

- a. The Facility will prescreen visitors via phone with the [CDC symptom checklist](#) not more than 24 hours in advance.
  - i. Currently: Fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea
- b. The Facility will also screen visitors on arrival with the CDC symptom checklist and a temperature check (**non-contact temperature check**). The Facility will have the visitors fill out and sign the Visitor acknowledgement and waiver form.

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- c. Residents receiving visitors should also be screened with the CDC symptom checklist prior to visitor's arrival.
  - i. Residents who can have visitors are those who are COVID-free and without COVID symptoms, and those who are deemed recovered per facility policy (Discontinuation of Transmission-Based Precautions and Disposition of Patients with COVID-19)
3. **Who Cannot Participate**
  - a. Residents with active COVID-19 infection, either lab confirmed or symptomatic, are not allowed to participate in outdoors visitation.
  - b. Visitors displaying symptoms should not visit the facility.
4. **Visitation Space**
  - a. Visits must be **limited to outdoor areas only**. They may take place under a canopy or tent **without walls**.
  - b. Outdoor spaces **will have separate ingress and egress** which does not require the visitor to enter the Facility Building.
  - c. Maximum number of residents and visitors in the outdoors space at one time depends on the size of the outdoor space. The facility **will ensure that a minimum distance of six feet is achievable** when determining the maximum number of people in the space.