**Policy: Resumption of Facility Visitation**

##### POLICY

It is the intent of this Facility to resume visitation for Residents, families and Resident representatives in accordance with the NYS Department of Health, CDC and CMS Guidance on a limited basis as a result of COVID-19.[[1]](#footnote-1)

This Facility may not resume visitation until \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as a result of the regulatory requirements related to a period of twenty- eight days wait time, that must pass after a staff member tests positive or presumptive on a PCR COVID-19 test.

On-Site Visitation will be scheduled fairly, by the Facility Social Worker. Continued use of scheduled Virtual and telephonic visits are encouraged between On-Site visits.

For purposes of this policy:

Resumption of visitation will be limited and for visitors that:

1. Fully Complete and successfully passed the Facility COVID-19 HealthCare exposure and symptom screening tool and achieved an acceptable temperature check result; *and*
2. Fully Complete the contact Documentation that includes:
	* First and Last Name
	* Physical Street Address
	* Daytime AND Evening Telephone Number
	* Email address (if available)
	* Date and Time of Visit
3. As a requirement MUST wear a Facility distributed, disposable face mask during the entire visitation period.
4. Maintain Social Distancing of AT LEAST six (6) feet between persons; do not touch anyone, including the person being visited.
5. Are compliant with Hand Sanitizing at the beginning and end of visit.
6. Do not exceed the thirty minutes visiting period.
7. Exit the facility campus after the visit is complete.

**Any Visitor who is not fully compliant with Numbers 1 through 7 above *at any time*, will be immediately asked to leave the premises and will not be permitted to visit at *that time or any time throughout the duration of the State of Emergency*.**

1. All visitation will be scheduled for and during specific times and are to occur only at Facility arranged specific outdoor locations on the facility campus and under the supervision of a Facility staff member.
2. For purposes of this policy, inside visitation may be permitted under certain limited circumstances if the Facility is able to accommodate the distancing requirements;
	* Such limited circumstance are periods of inclement weather only.
3. Under NO circumstance shall visitation occur in ANY Resident Care Area or on a Resident Unit or in a Resident Room;
* If conducted in an area inside the Facility, no more than ten (10) persons may be in the area at a time and wearing of a facility supplied disposable face mask, and social distancing must be maintained at all times.
1. No more than 10 percent of the Residents shall have visitors at any one time and only two visitors will be allowed per Resident at any one time.
2. Visitors under the age of 18 are not permitted to visit at this time.
3. For purposes of this policy, Visitation will be prohibited for a period of twenty-eight (28) days, if any of the following occur:
	* If at any time during the State of Emergency the region falls below Phase III;
	* If at any time there is an identified presumptive or positive COVID-19 Resident identified;
	* If at any time there is a staff member identified as presumptive or positive COVID-19 via PCR test result.
	* The Facility fails to maintain full compliance with all state and federal requirements, state Executive Orders and guidance, state reporting requirements including COVID-19 focus surveys, HERDS and staff testing surveys, and federally required submission of COVID-19 data to the NHSN.
4. Under no circumstances may Residents leave the Facility campus for purposes of visitation – prohibition of LOA’s and TLOA’s remains in effect.

1. Reference July10, 2020 NYS DOH HEALTH ADVISORY: Skilled Nursing Visitation [↑](#footnote-ref-1)