

Resident Visitor Education

*Fully vaccinated refers to a person who is greater than 2 weeks following receipt of the second dose in a 2-dose series, or greater than 2 weeks following receipt of one dose of a single-dose vaccine per the CDC's Public Health Recommendations for Vaccinated Persons.

Core Principles of COVID-19 Infection Prevention

- Screening required of all who enter the facility for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 (e.g., temperature checks, questions about and observations of signs or symptoms) and denial of entry to those with signs or symptoms of COVID-19 or those who have had close contact with someone with COVID-19 infection in the prior 14 days (regardless of the visitor's vaccination status)
- Hand hygiene is required (use of alcohol-based hand rub is preferred)
- Well-fitting face covering or mask (covering mouth and nose) required at all times. Visitors will be supplied a mask if the mask they are wearing is not well-fitting. Visitors will be requested to keep their mask for future visits.
- Residents and visitors will not partake in eating or drinking during visits.
- Public restrooms are not be available to visitors at this time.
- Visitors who are unable to adhere to the Core Principles of COVID-19 Infection Prevention will not be permitted to visit and will be asked to leave the premises.
- Visitors are required to physically 6 foot distance from other residents and staff while in the facility.

Outdoor Visitation

Outdoor visits generally pose a lower risk of transmission due to increased space and airflow. Therefore, visits should be held outdoors whenever practicable.

Indoor Visitation

ACC will allow indoor visitation for residents (regardless of vaccination status), except for in the following circumstances where there will be limitations required:

- Unvaccinated residents: if the nursing home's COVID-19 county positivity rate is greater than 10% and less than 70% of residents in the facility are fully vaccinated
- Residents with confirmed COVID-19 infection: whether vaccinated or unvaccinated, until they have met criteria to discontinue isolation
- Residents in quarantine: whether vaccinated or unvaccinated, until they have met criteria for release from quarantine

ACC will allow two visitors per resident at a time and no children under the age of eight or pets will be allowed in the building. Visits will be scheduled in advance and be no longer than one hour in duration. Additionally, there will not be more than eight visitors allowed in the building at one time.

- If the visitor passes the screening, they will be escorted to the designated visiting area.

- Residents with private rooms may have visits in their rooms.
- If the resident has a roommate, the visit will be done in the designated visiting area.
- When the visit is complete, the visitor(s) will have been instructed to use the resident's pendant call system to alert a staff member that they need someone to escort them as they exit the building.
- If the resident is fully vaccinated, the resident can choose to have close contact (including touch) with their visitor while wearing a well-fitting face mask and performing hand-hygiene before and after.

Indoor Visitation during an Outbreak

An outbreak exists when a new COVID-19 case occurs with either a staff member or a resident. If this should happen, ACC will immediately begin outbreak testing and suspend all visitation (except end of life and compassionate care visits) until criteria to discontinue outbreak testing has been met.

Compassionate Care Visits

ACC will allow visits in those situations that match up with the intent of, "compassionate care situations" per guidance put out by CMS and MDH. Compassionate care visits that meet the definition and visits required under federal disability rights law, will be allowed at all times, regardless of a resident's vaccination status, the county's COVID-19 positivity rate or an outbreak. Compassionate care visits will be conducted using social distancing; however, if during a compassionate care visit, the visitor and the facility identify a way to allow for personal contact, it will only be allowed by following appropriate infection prevention guidelines and for a limited amount of time. Also, as noted above, if the resident is fully vaccinated, they can choose to have close contact (including touch) with their visitor while wearing a well-fitting face mask and performing hand-hygiene before and after personal contact. All residents will be assessed on an ongoing basis by a multidisciplinary team for the appropriateness and need for a Compassionate Care Visit. When appropriate, the resident and responsible party/visitor will be notified and offered a Compassionate Care Visit.

I have read the above information regarding Resident Visitations. I comprehend the information. I am responsible and I will be held accountable to adhere to the outlined policy and procedure to promote safety following infection control parameters and to reduce the risk of spread of infection. I have received education/demonstration of a well-fitting mask.
