

#### Memo

To: Residents, families, visitors and staff From: Landmark Management Solutions Date: November 15, 2021 Subject: Visitation Guidance Landmark Management Solutions continues to follow guidance from the Department of Public Health, the CDC and our local Board of Health in managing the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. We regularly review and update our procedures to make sure we have implemented the most up to date techniques of infection control and prevention.

As of November, 2021 we are able to offer the following information.

Our Protocol for Indoor Visitation is below:

·There is no limit on the number of visitors that a resident can have at one time however visits should be conducted in a manner that adheres to the core principals of COVID-19 infection prevention and does not increase risk to other residents. The facility should ensure that physical distancing can be maintained during peak times of visitation (e.g.: lunch time, after business hours, etc.). The facility should also avoid large gatherings where large numbers of visitors are in the same space at the same time and physical distancing cannot be maintained.

- During indoor visitation, facilities should limit visitor movement in the facility.
- ·If a resident's roommate is unvaccinated, immunocompromised (regardless of vaccination status), visits should not be conducted in the resident's room, if possible. Situations where there is a roommate and the health status of the resident prevents leaving the room, the facility should attempt to enable in-room visitation, while adhering to the core principals of infection prevention.
- •When a nursing homes' county COVID-19 community level of transmission is substantially high, all residents and visitors regardless of vaccination status should wear face coverings or masks and physically distance at all times.
- ·If a resident and all of their visitors are fully vaccinated and the resident is not moderately or severely immunocompromised, they may choose to not wear face coverings or masks and to have physical contact.
- ·Visitors must wear a face covering or mask when around other residents or healthcare personnel, regardless of vaccination status.

### Transmission Based Precautions (TBP) or Quarantine

- ·While it is not recommended, residents who are on transmission-based precautions or quarantine can still receive visitors.
- o Visits should occur in the residents' room and the resident should wear a well-fitting facemask (if tolerated).
- o Visitors should be made aware of the potential risk of visiting and precautions necessary when a resident on TBP or quarantine. Visitors should adhere to the core principals of COVID-19 infection prevention. When needed, the facility may offer well-fitting facemasks or other appropriate PPE, if available, however, the facility is not required to provide PPE for visitors.

# Visitor Testing and Vaccination

- ·While not required, facilities in counties with substantial or high levels of community transmission may offer testing to visitors and when possible, encourage visitors to be tested their own before coming to the facility (2-3 days prior to the visit).
- ·Facilities should educate and encourage visitors to become vaccinated.
- •Facilities may ask about a visitors' vaccination status, however visitors are not required to be vaccinated or show proof of vaccination as a condition of visitation. When a visitor declines to disclose their vaccination status, the visitor should wear a face covering or mask at all times.

## Indoor Visitation During an Outbreak Investigation

- •When a new case of COVID-19 among residents or staff is identified, the facility immediately begins outbreak testing in accordance DPH, CMS and CDC guidelines.
- ·While it is safer for visitors not to enter the facility during an outbreak investigation, visits must still be allowed in the facility.
- •The facility may contact local health authorities or state epidemiology for guidance or direction on how to structure visitation to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission during an outbreak investigation.

### Compassionate Care Visits

·Compassionate care visits are allowed at all times.