

Kirkhaven

Visitation Fact Sheet

This policy has been revised to afford every opportunity for visits in a safe and thoughtful manner as well as considers the need for adequate supervision and strict adherence to the core principles of infection prevention and control.

Beginning November 16, 2021, we are revising visitation under this policy following the core principles of infection control and prevention and under the following conditions.

- ❖ Adherence to written screening protocols for all staff during each shift, each resident daily, and all persons entering the facility or grounds, including visitors, vendors, students and volunteers.
- ❖ All visitors are encouraged to become vaccinated. Visitors are not required to be tested or vaccinated (or show proof of such) as a condition of visitation. Currently, visitor testing for unvaccinated visitors is strongly encouraged prior to coming to the facility (within 2-3 days). For information about free COVID rapid testing, visit <https://www.monroecounty.gov/health-covid-19-testing>.
- ❖ Visitors must be able to adhere to the core principles, including infection prevention and control policies, and staff are expected to provide monitoring of visitors. Visitors who are unable to adhere to the core principles of COVID-19 infection prevention will not be permitted to visit.
- ❖ Hours for Visitation: **Visitors are welcome anytime around the clock.**
- ❖ All visitors are required to enter the facility through the main entrance. Screening for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 will be done prior to resident access.
- ❖ The following information will be collected for each visitor: first and last name, address, daytime/evening phone number, dated and time of visit and email address. Visitors must be screened, including temperature checks, comply with social distancing as directed, use hand sanitizer before and after each visit and wear face mask at all times.
- ❖ Alcohol-based hand rub and adequate PPE will be made available by the facility. Visitors must wear a face covering at all times when on the premises and maintain social distancing. An adequate supply of masks will be made available to visitors who lack an acceptable face covering.
- ❖ Residents and responsible parties will be notified if a new case of COVID-19 among residents or staff is identified. The facility will begin outbreak testing in accordance with State and Federal regulations.
- ❖ An outbreak exists when a new COVID-19 case among residents or staff occurs. With the

appropriate safeguards, visitation can still occur when there is an outbreak, but there is evidence that the transmission of COVID-19 is contained to a single area (e.g., unit) of the facility.

- ❖ Visitation will be conducted in resident rooms and other authorized visitation spaces indoors and outdoors, weather permitting.
- ❖ If the resident is fully vaccinated, they can choose to have close contact with their visitor. Regardless, visitors should physically distance from other residents and staff in the facility.
- ❖ All visitors are restricted to authorized visit areas in the facility. Visitors are prohibited from walking around different halls or common areas of the facility. Instead, visitors must go directly to the resident's room or authorized visitation area.
- ❖ The following designated space(s) will be used for in-person visitation:
 - Outdoors in the courtyard (when weather permits)
 - Indoors in private resident rooms, in semi-private rooms of vaccinated residents
 - Common Areas: 2nd and 3rd floor Family Room/ Balcony Area and in the Chapel and Administrative Lobby area of the first floor.
- ❖ Unvaccinated residents may receive visitors in a private room or in one of the facility authorized visitation space(s). Unvaccinated residents and their visitors are required to wear a facemask.
- ❖ Communal activities and dining may occur while adhering to the core principals of COVID-19 Infection prevention. The safest approach is for everyone, regardless of vaccination status, to wear a face covering or mask while in communal areas of the facility. **Visitors will not be permitted to dine or participate in food related activities at this time as the Monroe County community transmission rate is at a high level.**
- ❖ The Governor rescinded Executive Orders issued in connection with the COVID 19 public health emergency, formally ending the State public health emergency. The following regulations providing enhanced access for personal caregiving visitors apply only during a state public health emergency: Nursing home residents have the right to elect at least two (2) personal caregivers at one time to serve as their personal caregiving visitor and to access their designated personal caregiving visitors, notwithstanding any restrictions or prohibitions relating to visitation resulting from a declared public health emergency. Designated caregiving visitors have been identified by each resident and are noted in the resident's medical record.