

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 May 16, 2022**, 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 vaccinated (or show proof of such) as a condition of visitation.
- ❖ **Effective Immediately.** All nursing homes licensed and regulated by the NY State DOH must verify that **visitors have received a negative SARS-CoV-2 test result one day prior to visitation for antigen tests and two days prior to visitation for NAAT (e.g. PCR) tests.** All visitors may use either NAAT testing or antigen testing. **This means, for example, that a test for a Sunday visit should be conducted no earlier than Saturday if it's an antigen test or Friday if it's a PCR test.**
- ❖ **PLEASE NOTE:** Upon arrival to Kirkhaven, please provide proof of your negative COVID test to the staff at the reception desk. **This proof can be a photo of your negative test. DO NOT** bring the actual contaminated test card/swab into the facility. **If you need a test onsite, please let our receptionist know and you will be provided a rapid test to self-administer in your vehicle; after 15 minutes, you will then need to show proof of this negative test upon entering the facility.**
- ❖ **For visitors who visit for multiple days, including a visitor who comes every day, proof of negative testing is required as often as feasible, at a minimum every third day (meaning at a minimum testing is required on day one, day 4, day 7, and so on).**
- ❖ **Compassionate caregiving visitors who are visiting in anticipation of the end of a resident's life or in the instance of a significant mental, physical, or social decline or crisis of a resident. In any case where such an exception is made, the visitor must wear any additional personal protective equipment (PPE) that facility personnel deem appropriate to the situation.**
- ❖ 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 in-doors and outdoors, weather permitting.
- ❖ If the resident is “up to date” on their COVID vaccinations, 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 residents that are “up to date” on their COVID vaccinations.
  - Common Areas: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Family Room/ Balcony Area and in the Chapel and Administrative Lobby area of the first floor.
- ❖ Residents that are not “up to date” with their COVID vaccination may receive visitors in a private room or in one of the facility’s authorized visitation space(s).
- ❖ 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.