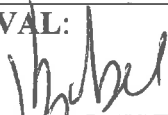


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POLICY: It is the policy of Brookmeade Community to adhere to applicable guidance issued by New York State in consideration of the health, welfare, and significant risk posed to our residents by COVID-19. This policy includes adherence to the guidance regarding visitation for nursing homes and assisted living facilities by New York State, including *Health Advisory: Skilled Nursing Facility Visitation and Health Advisory: Visitation in Adult Care Facilities* from the New York Department of Health.

This policy is effective beginning October 2020 and will continue to be effective until modified, amended, or rescinded by the Company.

PROCEDURES:

1. In association with Health Advisory: SNF Visitation and Health Advisory: Visitation in ACF, Brookmeade Community will implement visitation guidelines that adhere to the NY Forward Safety plan as per facility.
2. Nursing Homes and Adult Care Facilities in **Phase 3** regions may resume limited visitation under certain conditions.
3. For Meadows: Visitation will park in the back parking lot and enter through the NEW DAY courtyard and proceed to the health check-in table.
4. For Terraces: Visitation will park in the front parking lot and enter through the yard in front of the activities room door and proceed to the health check-in table.
5. Visitors must complete and pass a health screen and provide a COVID-19 negative test (within 7 days of the visit). Visitors will have to take their temperature and wear the appropriate face coverings.
6. Visitation will be limited to designated well ventilated visitation room.
7. The room will be cleaned and disinfected before and after each visit. All infection control measures will be in place as per CDC, CMS, NYS and county guidelines.
8. Visitations will be monitored by designated staff personnel.
9. Visitation for Meadows and Terraces will be as follows:
 - o Monday through Friday
 - o Duration of Visits is limited to 30 minutes
 - o Visits will occur Monday-Friday at the following times:

❖ 10:00am to 10:30am

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- ❖ 10:45am to 11:15am

- ❖ 11:30am to 12:00am

- For Meadows visits can be scheduled as follows:

- ❖ Monday- Unit: Bluebird Visitor(s)

- ❖ Tuesday-Unit: Cardinal Visitor(s)

- ❖ Wednesday – Unit: Dove Visitor(s)

- ❖ Thursday – Unit: Cardinal Visitor(s)

- ❖ Friday – Unit: Dove Visitor(s)

10. Visitation will be scheduled by Social Services or designee. Visits must be scheduled ahead of time. Visits can be scheduled online.

11. No more than 2 guests and 1 indoor visit per week. Brookmeade Staff will screen visitors (review health screen form, receive COVID-19 negative test and take temperature)

- If health screen is passed, temperature is acceptable, a negative COVID test is provided (dated within 7 days of visit) the visitor will be directed to their visit location.
- If screen is failed, and/or unable to provide a negative test the visitor will be advised and asked to leave campus.

Visitors are screened for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 prior to resident access and visitation will be refused if the individual(s) exhibits any COVID-19 symptoms or do not pass the screening questions. Screening shall consist of both temperature checks and asking screening questions to assess potential exposure to COVID-19 which shall include questions regarding international travel or travel to other states designated under the Commissioner’s travel advisory. We must maintain screening questions asked onsite and make it available under inspection.

12. Visitors:

- Must remain in the designated visitation room
- Visitor(s) must wear a face mask or face covering which covers both the nose and mouth at all times when on the premises.
- Must be of 18 years of age or older

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- Each visitor must pass the health screening and provide a negative test result (within 7 days of visit).
 - Visitors may not eat, drink, etc during visit.
 - There will be no physical contact.
 - Visitor(s) must maintain 6 feet distances (minimal) at all times.
 - Visitor(s) can only deliver packages to the designated package drop off areas.
 - Visitor(s) must use alcohol based hand sanitizer. Demonstrate appropriate use of alcohol-based hand rub; consisting of at least 60 (60%) percent alcohol.
 - Any visitor who fails to adhere to the protocol; he/she/they WILL BE prohibited from visiting for the duration of the COVID-19 state declared public health emergency.
13. Current COVID-19 positive residents, residents with COVID-19 signs or symptoms, and residents in a 14-day quarantine or observation period are not eligible for visits.
14. Pursuant to Health Advisory: Skilled Nursing Facility Visitation and Health Advisory: Visitation in Adult Care Facilities from the New York Department of Health – the absence of any new onset of COVID-19 among staff or residents as reported to the Department on the HERDS and staff testing surveys and as reported to the NHSN for a period of no less than twenty-eight days will a SNF or ACF be permitted to have visitation. Visitation is paused due to an increase in the number of residents and/or staff with a confirmed positive COVID-19 diagnosis.
15. Pursuant to Health Advisory: All Residential Congregate Facilities: visitation in residential congregate settings located in “red” and “orange” zones subject to Cluster Action Initiative restrictions as established pursuant to Executive Order (EO) No. 202.68. (See Attached)
16. This policy is subject to change and will be reviewed and updated based on new or additional guidance from New York State or any other applicable government or health agency or authority.



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DATE: October 23, 2020
TO: Facility Operators and Administrators
FROM: New York State Department of Health

Health Advisory: All Residential Congregate Facilities

**Please distribute immediately to:
Operators, Administrators, Directors of Nursing, Medical Directors,
Activities Professionals**

Background

Since the onset of the COVID-19 public health emergency, New York State has relied on data and metrics, science, and public health expertise to make all decisions impacting public health. With the fall and winter approaching, Governor Cuomo has introduced a new data-based strategy of aggressively responding to micro-clusters in order to limit COVID-19 spread via the Cluster Action Initiative.

With one of the lowest baseline rates of COVID-19 transmission in the country, New York has the opportunity to identify and limit spread of COVID-19 by addressing “micro-clusters,” which are outbreaks of new cases within a limited and definable geographic area.

This Initiative focuses response in defined geographic areas, thereby addressing transmission on a focused basis and preventing broader viral transmission that would result in widespread economic shutdowns. Areas that meet metrics demonstrating substantial COVID-19 spread may be designated either a Red Micro-Cluster Zone, an Orange Warning Zone, or a Yellow Precautionary Zone.

On October 9, 2020, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo issued EO No. 202.68 which, among other things, established red, orange, and yellow zones and imposed restrictions and limitations on non-essential gatherings, participant occupancy in houses of worship, indoor/outdoor dining, and in-person schools within these zones.

Purpose

The purpose of this guidance is to inform operators of congregate facilities, including state or local agencies, or not for profit service providers of limitations on visitation in residential congregate settings located in “red” and “orange” zones subject to Cluster Action Initiative restrictions as established pursuant to Executive Order (EO) No. 202.68. In order to ensure safety of residents and staff of facilities housing congregate populations, these visitation restrictions shall be effective at 3 pm on Sunday, October 25, 2020, and shall remain in effect the duration a facility remains in such zone. Unless superseded by this guidance, all other state agency guidance and policies with respect to visitation remain in effect.

Residential congregate facilities for purposes of this guidance include:

- Nursing homes
- Adult care facilities and Adult homes

- Pediatric skilled nursing facilities
- Facilities for individuals with developmental disabilities (OPWDD run, licensed or regulated homes)
- Facilities for individuals affected by substance use (OASAS run, licensed, or regulated facilities)
- Facilities for individuals in receipt of mental health services (OMH run, licensed or regulated facilities)
- Residential treatment centers (OCFS run, licensed, or regulated facilities)
- Juvenile justice facilities
- Hospitals
- Correctional facilities

Effective immediately, in red and orange zones, congregate residential facilities must limit visitation in accordance with the following guidance:

Red Zones

All visitation is suspended in residential congregate facilities located in red zones, except for in the following instances: compassionate care (including end of life/hospice situations), medically or clinically necessary (i.e. visitor is essential to the care of the patient), accompanying a minor in a pediatric facility, labor/delivery/post-partum care, necessary legal representatives, and essential companions to individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities or with cognitive impairments, including dementia.

Orange Zones

Visitation shall be suspended at a residential congregate facility in an orange zone if a staff member or resident in the facility has tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 14 days, except for in the following instances: compassionate care (including end of life/hospice situations), medically or clinically necessary (i.e. visitor is essential to the care of the patient), accompanying a minor in a pediatric facility, labor/delivery/post-partum care, necessary legal representatives, and essential companions to individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities or with cognitive impairments, including dementia.

This supersedes other local health department orders which may impact visitation in these zones.

Thank you for your ongoing support and cooperation in responding to COVID-19 concerns. For more information visit <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/home>.