


SUBJECT: NY COVID VISITATION Guide Lines	DEPARTMENT: Administration
EFFECTIVE DATE: July 10, 2020 IMPLEMENTATION DATE: JULY 21, 2020 REVISION DATE: September 9 th , 2020 September 15 th , 2020 September 17 th , 2020 February 22, 2021 June 3, 2021	APPROVAL: 

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 dated July 10, 2020 as well as *Health Advisory: Visitation in Adult Care Facilities* dated September 9th, 2020 and *Health Advisory: Revised Skilled Nursing Facility Visitation* dated September 17th, 2020 and *Health Advisory: Revised Skilled Nursing Facility Visitation* dated February 22, 2021 *Health Advisory: Updated Adult Care Facility Visitation and Clarified Quarantine Requirements* dated June 3rd, 2021.

This policy is effective beginning July 21, 2020 at 12:01 a.m. ET and will continue to be effective until modified, amended, or rescinded by The Brookmeade Community.

Please see the attached *Heathy Advisory: Visitation in Adult Care Facilities and Health Advisory: Skilled Nursing Facility Visitation* from New York State Department of Health.

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. (see attached)
2. Meadows and The Terraces will facilitate in-person visitation consistent with the applicable regulations and within the parameters of this guidance.
3. Based on the needs of the residents and facility structure, visitation will be conducted in designated areas, (Activities Room)that is well ventilated with no more than 2 individuals who are appropriately socially distanced and wear a face mask for duration of visit.
4. Visitation will be as follows:
 - o Monday through Friday
 - o Duration of Visits is limited to 30 minutes
 - o Visits scheduled for
 - ❖ 9:30am to 10:00am – Bluebird Lane/The Terraces
 - ❖ 10:15am to 10:45am – Cardinal Court/The Terraces

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❖ 11:00am to 11:30am – Dove Way/The Terraces

5. Visitation will be held in designated areas either outdoors and/or indoors.
6. Visitation can be scheduled online or through Social Services designee. Visits must be scheduled ahead of time.
7. No more than 20 percent (20%) of the census shall have visitors at any one time and only two visitors will be allowed per resident at any one time. Visitors will complete a Screening Health Questionnaire.
8. Brookmeade Staff will screen visitors (review health screen form, take temperature and receive negative COVID-19 test results)
 - If screen is passed, visitor will be directed to their visit location
 - If screen is failed, visitors will be advised and asked to leave campus
 - Encourage, but not require, unvaccinated visitors to become vaccinated when they have the opportunity, as vaccination can help prevent the spread of COVID-19
 - Hand hygiene (use of alcohol-based hand rub is preferred).
 - Use of face coverings/masks (covering mouth and nose) and social distancing in accordance with New York State and/or guidance consistent with vaccination status applicable guidance per the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
 - Instructional signage throughout the facility and proper visitor education on COVID 19 signs and symptoms, infection control precautions, and other applicable facility practices (e.g. use of face coverings or mask, specified entries, exits and routes to designated areas, and hand hygiene).
 - Cleaning and disinfecting high frequency touched surfaces and designated visitation areas in facility often, and after each visit.
 - Appropriate staff use of personal protective equipment.

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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.

9. Visitors:

- Must be able to adhere to the core principles, including, Infection prevention and control policies.
- Visitors must wear a face mask or face covering which covers both the nose and mouth at all times when on the premises.
- Maximum of 2 individuals per resident
- Visitors under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult 18 years of age or older.
- 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.
- This guidance does not require testing of visitors prior to entry to and ACF. Testing is encouraged and offered but is not a requirement.

10. Compassionate care situations will be considered on a resident specific basis.

- Newly admitted residents with difficulty adjusting to the ACF environment and lack of in-person family support
- Residents recently grieving the loss of a friend or loved one.
- Residents who previously received in-person support and/or cueing from family for eating and drinking and are now experiencing dehydration and/or weight loss.

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- Residents who are exhibiting signs and symptoms of emotional distress including, but not limited to, seldomly speaking or crying more frequently (when the resident had rarely cried in the past); refusing to participate in an activity or activities; staying in bed longer than usual; or exhibiting behavior considered abnormal for individual.
 - Residents who receive religious or spiritual support from clergy or other layperson.
11. 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.