

SALEM HILLS REHABILITATION AND NURSING CENTER

Visitors Expectations Fact Sheet

- Visitors are encouraged to request a rapid COVID-19 test performed by the facility, especially if unvaccinated. Neither vaccination status nor presentation of a negative COVID-19 test are conditions for visitation.
- Visitors are screened for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 prior to resident access. 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 as well as a question on visitor's vaccination status.
- Documentation must include the following for each visitor to the nursing home: first and last name of the visitor; physical (street) address of the visitor; daytime and evening telephone number; date and time of visit; and email address, if available.
- Visitation should be encouraged to be in outdoor areas, weather permitting, in order to reduce the risk of transmission. Indoor visitation is also permitted.
- Visitors must wear a face mask or face covering which covers both the nose and mouth at all times when on the premises of the nursing home **regardless of vaccination status**.
- Visitors must maintain social distancing, except in the following circumstances:
 - If the **resident is fully vaccinated**, they can choose to have close contact (including touch) with an unvaccinated visitor while both are wearing a well-fitting face mask and performing hand-hygiene before and after.
 - If **both the resident and their visitor(s) are fully vaccinated**, and the resident and visitor(s) are alone in the resident room or designated visitation room, the resident and visitor may choose to have close contact (including touch) without a mask or face covering.
 - Regardless, visitors should physically distance from other residents and staff in the facility
- Facilities will provide alcohol-based hand rub, consisting of at least 60 percent (60%) alcohol, to residents, visitors and representatives of the long-term care ombudsman prior to visiting the residents. Rub hands together using friction.
- Visitation hours are by appointment only. A copy of the nursing home's formal visitation plan is posted on the website.
- When a new case of COVID-19 among residents or staff is identified, nursing homes should immediately begin outbreak testing and suspend all indoor visitation (except that required under federal disability rights law), until at least one round of facility-wide testing is completed. Visitation can resume based on the following criteria:
 - If the first round of outbreak testing reveals **no additional COVID-19 cases in other areas (e.g., units) of the facility**, then indoor visitation can resume for residents in areas/units with no COVID-19 cases. However, the facility should suspend visitation on the affected unit until the facility meets the criteria to discontinue outbreak testing.
 - If the first round of outbreak testing **reveals one or more additional COVID-19 cases in other areas/units of the facility** (e.g., new cases in two or more units), then facilities should suspend indoor visitation for all residents (vaccinated and unvaccinated), until the facility meets the criteria to discontinue outbreak testing.
- **Visitors who are unable to adhere to the core principles of COVID-19 infection prevention will not be permitted to visit or will be asked to leave the facility.**