

ASSISTED LIVING AND MEMORY CARE VISITATION POLICY

Policy Statement

Governor DeSantis signed into law SB 988, the “No Patient Left Alone” Act. This bill creates new requirements for facilities regarding visitation policies and procedures and affects all assisted living facilities in Florida. Visitation is allowed for all residents as permitted under the local, state, and federal regulations, the community does not limit the frequency and length of visits for residents.

Public Interpretation and Implementation:

1. To minimize the risk to other residents, visitation will be conducted based on a residents’ needs, current Centers for Disease Control, Department of Health, Agency for Healthcare Administration regulation, as well as the facilities structure such as in resident rooms, dedicated visitation spaces, and outdoor space.
2. Visitation should be person-centered, considering the residents’ physical, mental, and psychosocial well-being, and support their quality of life.
3. Visitation Information
 - Visitors are permitted 24/7
 - There is no limit on length of visit or number of visitors
 - Hand hygiene is encouraged while visiting
4. Regardless of how visits are conducted, continue to follow the core principles and best practices related to the risk of COVID-19 transmission.

Core Principles of COVID-19 Infection Prevention

- Visitors are required to screen-in prior to visitation. Visitors who have a positive viral test for COVID-19, symptoms of COVID-19, or currently meet the criteria for quarantine, should not enter the community. Visitors who develop symptoms or test positive within 14 days of visiting should notify the community.
- Hand hygiene is encouraged. Hand sanitizer is available throughout the centers.
- Face covering or mask and physical distancing at least six feet between people.
- Instructional signage and proper visitor education on COVID-19 signs and symptoms, infection control precautions, other applicable community practices are available.
- Cleaning and disinfecting high frequency touched surfaces in the community often.
- Appropriate use of Personal Protective Equipment for staff, providers, residents, and visitors.
- The Executive Director, Health and Wellness Director or their designee will be responsible for monitoring adherence to the use of Personal Protective Equipment.

- Resident and staff testing conducted as required by local, state, and federal requirements.
5. Physical distancing is encouraged during visit.
 6. For residents who are unvaccinated or immunocompromised (regardless of vaccination status), visits are encouraged to be conducted in the resident's room, if possible.
 7. Visitors should wear face coverings or masks when around other residents or healthcare personnel, regardless of vaccination status.
 8. The Community may offer well-fitting facemasks or other appropriate PPE, if available.

The community will notify visitors about the potential for COVID-19 exposure in the community through appropriate signage. Visitors will adhere to the core principles of COVID 19 infection prevention, including effective hand hygiene and use of face coverings.