

VAL Visitation Guidelines

These guidelines must be **STRICTLY** adhered to for the duration of the visit.

- Indoor visitations may occur with adherence to the Core Principles of COVID-19 Infection Prevention:
 - ▶ All visitors will be screened prior to entry. Those who do not meet screening criteria will be denied entry.
 - ▶ Hand hygiene before and after (use of alcohol-based hand rub is preferred).
 - ▶ Use of surgical mask by visitor and face covering for resident required.
 - ▶ Social distancing: at least 6 feet between persons who are not from the same household.
- Visitation hours: 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.
- Visitors must go directly to the resident's apartment or designated visitation area.
- Visitors must remain 6 feet from other residents and staff in the facility.
- Number of visitors in one apartment: No more than two.
- Visit length is limited by resident preference.
- If a resident has a roommate, the visit should not occur in the resident's apartment.
- If a resident is fully vaccinated, they may choose to have close contact (including touch) with their visitor while both are wearing facemasks and perform hand hygiene before and after.
- A resident who is on transmission-based precautions should limit visitations to virtual or window visits.
- If a new case of COVID-19 occurs in a resident or a staff member, indoor visits will be suspended at least until the first round of facility-wide outbreak testing is completed.
 - ▶ If no new cases are identified, visitations may resume in the care neighborhood that were not exposed to the most recent case. Visitations in the neighborhood with the new case will remain suspended until completion of outbreak testing (a minimum of 14 days from last positive).
 - ▶ If an additional case is identified in a different care neighborhood (new cases on 2 or more neighborhoods in the facility), then visitations are suspended for the facility until the completion of the outbreak testing.
- Outdoor visits continue to be the preferred method for visitations, weather permitting. These generally pose a lower risk of transmission of COVID-19. Adhere to appropriate infection control and prevention practices.
- If any of the above guidelines are not followed you will kindly be asked to leave, as these are crucial to the success/continuation of these visits and everyone's safety.