

Our facility honors and abides by the “The No Patient Left Alone Act” this guarantees Florida families the fundamental right to visit their loved ones who are receiving care in hospitals, hospices, and long-term care facilities.

Our facility does not require covid vaccination as a condition of visitation and does not prohibit in any way the rights of our residents to have physical contact with their loved ones. We embrace “The No Patient Left Alone Act” as it protects human dignity and compassion and it makes it clear that in Florida, at a person’s greatest hour of need, there will be a loved one by their side.

This document is provided to visitors upon entrance to the center and documents education provided.

Our Health care facilities allows in-person visitation, unless the resident/client or patient objects, and has put the following protocols in place to ensure the safety of our residents:

- All visitors will be screened for illness prior to visiting their loved one at the kiosk located in the lobby.
- All visitors must wear the badge printed from the kiosk at all times while in the facility.

We encourage all visitor to our facility to be vaccinated as this can help prevent the spread of COVID-19, but it is not mandatory.

Visitors who have symptoms of Covid-19, are ill, or have a positive viral test for COVID-19, should not enter the facility until they are no longer ill or meet the criteria for no longer needing to be quarantined

We ask that all visitors practice good Hand hygiene and use alcohol-based hand rub provided at entrance and throughout facility.

All visitors must wear a face mask (covering mouth and nose) and practice physical distancing by remaining at least six feet between other residents of our facility in accordance with CDC guidance. Visitors should ensure that physical distancing is still maintained during peak times of visitation (e.g., meal times, after business hours, etc.).

Visitation can be conducted in resident rooms, dedicated visitation spaces, and outdoors, and it is our goal to enable visits to be conducted with an adequate degree of privacy.

Outdoor visitation is preferred when the resident and/or visitor are not up-to date with all recommended COVID-19 vaccine doses, as outdoor visits generally pose a lower risk of transmission due to increased space and airflow. When conducting outdoor visitation, all appropriate infection control and prevention practices should be followed.

Indoor Visitation is allowed at all times for all residents.

Although there is no limit on the number of visitors that a resident can have at one time, visits should be conducted in a manner that adheres to the core principles of COVID-19 infection prevention and does not increase risk to other residents. We ask that our visitors not walk around different halls of the facility but rather go directly to their loved-one’s room or designated visitation area.

At this time, we continue to avoid large gatherings (e.g., parties, events) where large numbers of visitors are in the same space at the same time and physical distancing cannot be maintained.

Residents, regardless of vaccination status, can choose not to wear face coverings or masks when other residents are not present, and may have close contact (including touch) with their visitor.

Residents (or their representative) and their visitors, who are not up to date with all recommended COVID-19 vaccine doses, should be advised of the risks of physical contact prior to the visit.

Residents on transmission-based precautions (TBP) or quarantine - visitation is allowed although not recommend. In these cases, visits will occur in the resident's room and the resident should wear a well-fitting facemask (if tolerated). Before visiting residents who are on TBP or quarantine, visitors will be made aware of the potential risk of visiting and precautions necessary in order to visit the resident as safely as possible. Visitors should adhere to the core principles of infection prevention. Facilities may offer well-fitting facemasks or other appropriate PPE, if available; however, facilities are not required to provide PPE for visitors.

Visitation during an Outbreak Investigation - An outbreak investigation is initiated when a new nursing home-onset of COVID-19 occurs (i.e., a new COVID-19 case among residents or staff) to swiftly detect cases. When a new case of COVID-19 among residents or staff is identified, our facility shall immediately begin outbreak testing. While it is safer for visitors not to enter the facility during an outbreak investigation, visitors will be allowed in the facility and must practice appropriate infection control measures, including education by our staff of the potential risk, and ways to avoid becoming infected.

If residents or their representative would like to have a visit during an outbreak investigation, they should wear face coverings or masks during visits, regardless of vaccination status, and visits should ideally occur in the resident's room.

Compassionate Care Visits - we believe there are few scenarios when visitation should be limited only to compassionate care visits. In the event a scenario arises that would limit visitation for a resident (e.g., a resident is severely immunocompromised and the number of visitors the resident is exposed to needs to be kept to a minimum), compassionate care visits would still be allowed at all times.

Visitors who are unable to adhere to the core principles of infection prevention should not be permitted to visit or should be asked to leave.

The facility will continue to monitor the county/community COVID-19 level of transmission and CDC guidelines and update this policy as needed.