

Procedures for Outdoor & Window Visitation

Window visits may occur at any time with residents living in Residential Health Care units.

Window visits with residents needing assistance (such as Mountain View) should be scheduled and confirmed at least 24 hours in advance by speaking with the Activities Department.

A resident who is suspected or confirmed to be infected with COVID-19, or quarantined for an exposure to a COVID-19 case cannot participate in an outdoor visit. A resident who is diagnosed with COVID-19 may participate in an outdoor visit only after they have met the criteria for discontinuation of isolation as defined in guidance from NJDOH and CDC. Residents who are ineligible for outdoor visits may still be eligible for indoor visits and should contact the Infection Preventionist.

At the Main Entrance, visitors are to be screened while social distancing and adhering to infection control standards. Visitors will be provided with the visitation guidelines upon check in. The facility will screen the visitor for infectious communicable diseases, including COVID-19 symptoms. Any visitors with symptoms of COVID-19 infection (subjective or objective fever equal to or greater than 100.4F or as further restricted by facility policy, chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, sore throat, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, or diarrhea) will not be permitted to visit with a resident.

The facility will provide a visiting area with accommodations offered for those with mobility needs and designated seating for visitors. The facility will also provide reasonable accommodations for any resident with a disability, such as hearing, vision or cognitive impairments, and assist any resident with transport using their adaptive equipment.

When both the visitor and resident are fully vaccinated, the resident and their visitor(s) may choose to have close contact (including touch) and to remove their facemasks if they are alone in the designated visitation area. While in the facility, visitors should wear masks and physically distance from healthcare personnel and other residents / visitors.

When either the resident or any of their visitors are not fully vaccinated, visitors should wear masks while in the facility and physically distance from healthcare personnel and other residents and visitors. While alone in the designated visitation area, the safest approach is for everyone to maintain physical distancing and wear well-fitting masks.

Fully vaccinated residents may choose to have close contact (including touch) with their unvaccinated visitor(s), however visitors and resident must wear well-fitting masks.

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Visits with a resident in a designated outdoor space must be scheduled in advance and are dependent on permissible weather conditions, availability of outdoor space, and sufficient staffing at the facility to meet resident care needs, as well as the health and well-being of the residents. Facilities should provide appropriate protection from the weather (e.g., sun, heat, and rain). Visits may be cancelled because of inclement or unsafe weather conditions (e.g. high humidity / heat, poor air quality).

The facility must receive informed consent from the visitor and the resident in writing that they are aware of the possible dangers of exposure to COVID-19 for both the resident and the visitor and that they will follow the rules set by the facility in regard to outdoor visitation. The facility must receive a signed statement from each visitor and resident (if the resident is unable to consent then the consent needs to be signed by the authorized representative) with a copy provided to the visitor and resident, that they are aware of the risk of exposure to COVID-19 during the visit, that they will strictly comply with the facility policies during outdoor visitation, and that the visitor will notify the facility if they test positive for COVID-19 or exhibit symptoms of COVID-19 within fourteen days of the visit.