



October 23, 2020

Dear Residents, Family, Friends and Staff:

I hope that you are all well. I am writing today to provide an update on the changes in the visitation restrictions. As you are aware, the Governor held a press conference yesterday where he addressed some changes to the visitation restrictions in nursing homes. We wanted to provide some clarification and help everyone to understand the changes. We have just received the official order from the Governor, which is DEM Order 20-011 and can be found at the following web address:

<https://www.floridadisaster.org/globalassets/executive-orders/covid-19/dem-order-no.-20-011-in-re-covid-19-public-health-emergency-issued-october-22-2020.pdf>

The order changes several restrictions or requirements that have been in effect. The restriction prohibiting the visitation by children under age 18 has been lifted. The restriction for allowing outside, general visitation while having positive cases in the facility has been lifted. The final change is that the facility may determine a safe number of visitors in the facility (when indoor visitation is permitted) and the total number of visitors for each resident at one time.

The majority of the order remains unchanged. For example, the order still requires scheduled appointments for all visitation. The requirement that visitors must wear facemasks and any other appropriate PPE during the course of the visit, remains the same. The order also still requires visitors, with the exception of compassionate care visits, to maintain social distancing of 6 feet during the visit.

Compassionate Care visitation remains unchanged.

We ask for your patience and understanding as we do our best to continue to accommodate visitation and ensure we are in compliance with DEM Order 20-011.

Thank you in advance for your understanding.

Sincerely,

**Charlene Bedor, Administrator**