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To All,

CMS has released the below graphic to help residents, families, and friends understand when they can visit with the new CMS guidance.

Visitation can be conducted through different means based on a facility's structure and residents' needs. Outdoor visitation is preferred even when the resident and visitor are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 as they generally pose a lower risk of transmission due to increased space and airflow. Indoor visits will be in designated location to allow for cleaning of area for next visit.

During indoor visitation, visitor movement should be limited e.g., visitors should not walk around different halls of the facility, interact with other residents, or interact with staff without maintaining social distancing guidelines.

Regardless of how visits are conducted, there are certain core principles that visitors must maintain to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission:

- Screening of all who enter the facility for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and denial of entry of those with signs of symptoms or those who have had close contact with someone with COVID-19 infection in the prior 14 days (regardless of the visitor's vaccination status)
- Hand Hygiene (use of alcohol-based hand rub is preferred)
- Face covering or mask (covering mouth and nose)
- Social Distancing at least 6 ft between persons

These core principles are consistent with the CDC guidance for nursing homes and should always be adhered to. Visitors who are unable to adhere to the above core principles will not be permitted to visit and will be asked to leave.

Please continue to schedule your visits by contacting the receptionist via the main number. We will continue to follow our schedule for **30** minutes at a time. We also ask that you adhere to the **2** visitors at a time maximum. All new admits will have a visitation scheduled within 48 hours of admittance. Please notify front desk if it is a new admit visitation. As a friendly reminder please be on time since we likely have visitors scheduled after you and we need to allow for time to sanitize the area between visits. If you cannot make your appointment, please notify receptionist as soon as possible as there may be others that could fill that spot to visit their loved one.

Please know that the safety and well-being of our residents and staff have been and remain our top priority. Your continued support and cooperation are greatly appreciated.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me directly.

Sincerely,

Jamie Weis-Jones, NHA
Administrator