

SOCAL POST ACUTE CARE – Whittier, Ca. 90606

Policies and Procedures	DEPARTMENT: FACILITY WIDE
SUBJECT: RESIDENT/FAMILY VISITATION DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC	FILE UNDER: Nursing Administration

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Purpose:

1. Ensure that visitation is implemented in a safe way.
2. Reduce risk of transmission/exposure of COVID-19 during visitation.

Policy:

1. General Precautions for Visitation:
 - Visitors must be able to adhere to the Core Principles of COVID-19 Infection Prevention (see below) throughout the duration of their visit.
 - Core Principles of COVID-19 Infection Prevention:
 - o Screening: All visitors will be screened for signs and symptoms of COVID-19, including a temperature check. Any visitor with symptoms of COVID-19, known exposure or pending COVID-19 test results for reasons other than surveillance, will not be permitted to visit.
 - o Hand Hygiene: All visitors will be required to sanitize their hands prior to visiting and may be asked to sanitize their hands throughout their visit if asked to do so by staff.
 - o Mask/PPE: All visitors must properly wear a mask (over the nose and mouth) and for the entirety of their visit. Face shield required for unvaccinated visitors; optional for vaccinated visitors.
 - o Social Distancing: Visitors must remain at least six feet away from their loved ones during visiting at all times. Brief contact, such as hugging or holding hands, etc. Unfortunately, kissing is not permitted at this time.
 - Those who fail to adhere to facility policy and COVID-19 infection prevention protocols will not be permitted to visit.
 - Residents will wear a facemask for the duration of the visit.
 - Staff will disinfect high touch surfaces after each visit.
 - Visitors will be provided with the facility's policy regarding infection control and prevention.
 - Visitor contact information and proof of vaccination will be obtained at the time of their visit.
2. Facility Side Door Visitation:
 - If possible, visitors will make an appointment prior to visiting their loved ones.
 - Visits are scheduled in 30-minute increments, depending on the needs of the facility.
 - Residents in the yellow zone are permitted to visit at the side door and must wear a facemask when out of their room.
 - Visiting area will be cleared so that no other residents are in this area during their visit.
 - The side door will not be opened at any time.
3. In-person/Outdoor Visitation:
 - Available visiting days and times will be designated by the facility.
 - Visits are scheduled by appointment only.
 - Visitors will be provided with the facility's policy regarding infection control and prevention.
 - Yellow zone visitors must comply with PPE requirements.
 - Visit will be limited to 30 minutes in duration. Maximum of 2 visitors per visit.
 - Brief physical contact is allowed (i.e. brief hugging and hand holding)
4. Facility can make exceptions for visitors under compassionate situations (e.g., end of life, etc.)