



SOCAL POST-ACUTE CARE

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

Policy:

1. General visitors entering the facility are required to answer the entry screening questionnaire (Temperature check, COVID symptoms, Exposure within the last 14 days, or recent positive viral test for SARS-CoV-2, etc.)
2. General visitors must provide a copy of COVID-19 vaccination.
 - a. Any visitor who is up to date with COVID-19 vaccines can enter the facility without the need to provide a negative SARS-CoV-2.
 - b. Any visitor who is unable to provide COVID-19 vaccine card, or is not up to date with COVID-19 vaccines must provide one of the following:
 - i. A negative PCR test taken within 48 hours prior to entry, OR
 - ii. A negative Antigen test taken within 24 hours prior to entry; OR
 - iii. Proof of a recent positive viral test for SARS-CoV-2 within the last 90 days
3. General Precautions for Visitation:
 - a. Visitors must be able to adhere to the Core Principles of COVID-19 Infection Prevention (See Below) Throughout the duration of their visit
 - b. Core Principles of COVID-19 Infection Prevention:
 - i. 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.

- ii. 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.
 - iii. Mask: All visitors must properly wear a mask (over the nose and mouth) and for the entirety of their visit.
 - iv. Those who fail to adhere to facility policy and COVID-19 infection prevention protocols will not be permitted to visit.
 - v. Those who refuse testing will not be allowed to enter the facility, but will be provided the option of outdoor or window visitation.
- 4. Essential visitors are exempt from visitation restrictions.
 - a. Examples of essential visitors:
 - i. Ombudsman, CDPH surveyors and Public Health Workers.
 - ii. Visitors for legal matters that cannot be postponed such as voting, estate planning, advanced healthcare directives, power of attorney, and transfer of property or titles.
 - iii. Protection and advocacy program representatives.
 - iv. Visitors for residents in critical condition including end-of-life situations.
- 5. Facility Side Door Visitation:
 - a. If possible, visitors will make an appointment prior to visiting their loved ones.
 - b. Visits are scheduled in 30-minute increments, depending on the needs of the facility.
 - c. Available visiting days and times will be designated by the facility.
 - d. Visits are scheduled by appointment only as much as possible.
- 6. Outdoor visitations:
 - a. Outdoor visitations do not require proof of vaccination, entry screening, nor proof of a negative SARS-CoV-2 test.
- 7. The facility can make exceptions for visitors under compassionate situations (e.g., end of life, etc)

For more information on the definition of “up to date vaccination status” please click [here](#).