

Little Brook Nursing and Convalescent Home
Policy and Procedure

Department: Administration	Number 21-002
Effective Date: 03/2021	Revised:
Subject: COVID-19 Visitation Policy	

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance for conducting Indoor visitation during the COVID-19 pandemic based on the Executive Directive NO. 21-001

Procedure:

All Visitation: (Hospice Care/ End- of – Life/ Compassionate Care/ Outdoor/ Indoor)

Compassionate Care situations pursuant to the requirements of this Directive and NJDOH Executive Directive No. 20-017 at:

Hospice Care/ End- of – Life- situation pursuant to the requirements of this Directive and NJDOH Executive Directive NO 20.017

- All visit will be coordinated by appointment only through designee.
- The facility shall screen and log all persons entering the facility.
- All Visitors and Residents will sign consent form acknowledging risks and exposures.
- The facility will actively screen all persons entering the building for signs and symptoms of COVID-19. The screen shall include- temperature checks, fever equal to or greater than 100 F or as further restricted by facility, completion of questionnaire about symptoms and potential exposure- whether in the last 10 days the visitor had an identified exposure to someone with confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19, someone under investigation for COVID-19, or someone suffering from respiratory illness whether the visitor has been diagnosed with COVID-19 and has not yet met criteria for the discontinuation of isolation per guidance issued by NJDOH and CDC, and whether if in the last 10 days, the visitor has returned from a state on the designated list of states on international country under the 10 day quarantine travel advisory and observation and signs and symptoms of COVID19.
- All persons traveling from a state listed on New Jersey travel restriction list is will be allowed admission into facility.
 - 7-day quarantine with negative COVID-19 PCR
 - 14-day quarantine without negative COVID-19 PCR
- Upon screening, the facility will prohibit entry into the building for those who meet one or more of the criteria on the screening tool.
- Whenever possible, visitors should wait in a vehicle prior to the visitation time. If the visitor is using public or ride share transport, the visitor(s) should wait in an outdoor space that ensures social distancing of at least six feet from other visitors.
- All visitations must be made by appointment within 72-hours of the visitation.
- Visits will be limited to 30 minutes

- There will only be two visitors per resident permitted at a time. Only four resident per appointment slot.
- Visitors are advised to remain at least 6 feet away from the residents.
- Staff will provide instructions on hand hygiene, limiting surfaces touched and provide instructions on the use of PPE, inform visitors of location of hand hygiene stations, before visitors enter facility and/or resident's room.
- Visitors will be advised to limit physical contact with anyone other than the resident while in the facility. Practice social distancing: no handshaking, no kissing or hugging and remaining six feet apart.
- Facility determines a designated space for visitation that will allow for social distancing and deep cleaning.
- A designated area will be established at the facility's discretion where infection control standards and social distancing can be maintained. The facility will provide graphics to assist resident and visitors in maintaining social distancing and infection control standards

Indoor Visitation:

- All visitors must be over the age of 12-years old to enter the facility.
- It is encouraged that all visitor and family members be tested prior to visitation.

Vaccinated Resident and Visitors:

- All vaccinated visitor(s) an resident while alone in resident'(s),. room or designated visitation room may choose to have close contact (including 'touch) and to remove their facemasks.
- All vaccinated visitor(s) and resident(s) while alone in resident's room or designated visitation should wear facemasks, per section (1)(h) of E 20.26 and physically distance themselves from healthcare personnel and other patients/residents, and visitors that are not part of their group all other times.

Unvaccinated Residents and Visitors:

- All unvaccinated visitor(s) and resident(s) while alone in resident's room or designated visitation should wear facemasks, per section (1)(h) of E 20.26 and physically distance themselves from healthcare personnel and other patients/residents, and visitors that are not part of their group all other times.
- All unvaccinated visitor(s) an resident while alone in resident'(s),. room or designated visitation room should maintain social distance guidelines an refrain from physical contact (including 'touch) and to leave their facemasks on.

Persons Under Investigation/COVID19+

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

- Residents with confirmed COVID19/ PUI(s), not including compassionate care or end-of-life situations will not be able to receive indoor visitation for the duration of their quarantine period
- In the Event of a new case of COVID19 among residents or staff, all indoor visitation will be suspended for a period of 14 days.
 - If the First round of testing (performed days 3-7) reveals no additional cases in other areas of the facility then visitation will resume.
 - If the first round of testing reveals one or more additional cases in other are/units for the facility then the facility shall suspend visitation for all residents regardless of vaccination status, until there are no new cases identified in the healthcare personnel or residents for 14xx days.