**CMS New Visitation Guidance**

**Updated: 11/12/2021**

Visitation is now allowed for all residents at all times. A few highlights from the memo:

***Indoor visitation:***

* We will no longer limit the frequency and length of visitation for residents, the number of visitors, or require advance scheduling for visits. Please know that you will need to continue to use the back door at the time to be screened into the facility.
* We do need to avoid large gatherings where large numbers of visitors are in the same space at the same time so spending time in the dining room with your loved one is not permitted.
* If a resident’s roommate is not vaccinated or immunocompromised (regardless of vaccination status), visitation should not be conducted in the resident’s room if possible. We will continue to use family rooms in these situations.
* ​Face coverings/masks are required upon entry and within the common spaces at the facility. If all visitors and the resident are fully vaccinated and the resident is not moderately or severely immunocompromised, they may choose not to a wear face covering and have physical contact in the resident’s room behind closed doors.
* Residents who are in isolation or quarantine, while not recommended, can still receive visitors in the resident’s room. Visitors and the resident should wear a well-fitting facemask (if tolerated) during the visit at all times.

***Indoor Visitation During Outbreak Investigation:***

* Visitors are still allowed into the facility and continued communication will be provided so you know the potential risk of visiting and adhere to core principles of infection prevention.
* Visitation during outbreak should include wearing face coverings/masks, regardless of vaccination status, and visits will occur in the resident’s room.

***Visitor Testing and Vaccination****:*

* We do ask visitors about their vaccination status during the screening process, but visitors are not required to be tested or vaccinated, or show proof of such, as a condition of visitation.
* We do offer testing to visitors, but it is not required.

***Resident Outings:***

* Everyone should wear face coverings/masks regardless of the vaccination status if they leave the facility for an outing.
* If a resident chooses to leave the facility for longer than 24 hours, who is not vaccinated, will be required to quarantine. If the resident is only gone for a few hours, we will screen the resident for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 but will not be required to quarantine.