

Visitation Policy

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Policy:

Taylor Care Center permits resident visitation from all visitors and non-essential health care personnel at all times. This can be conducted through different means based on residents' needs, such as in resident rooms, dedicated visitation spaces, and outdoors. The visitation will be person-centered, consider the resident's physical, mental, and psychosocial well-being, and support their quality of life. Exceptions will be in accordance with federal, state and/or local guidance.

Policy Explanation and Compliance Guidelines:

1. While the Public Health Emergency for COVID-19 has ended, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services expects facilities to adhere to infection prevention and control recommendations in accordance with accepted national standards.
2. The core principles of infection prevention will be adhered to and as follows:
 - a. The facility will provide guidance (e.g., posted signs at entrances) about recommended actions for visitor who have a positive viral test for COVID-19, symptoms of COVID-19, or have had close contact with someone with COVID-19.
 - b. Visitors with confirmed COVID-19 infection or compatible symptoms should defer non-urgent in-person visitation until they meet CDC criteria for healthcare settings to end isolation.
 - c. If the visitor decides to visit during an outbreak of COVID-19, the visit should ideally occur in the resident's room, the resident and their visitors should wear well-fitting source control (if tolerated) and physically distance (if possible) during the visit.
 - d. For visitors who have had close contact with someone with COVID-19 infection, it is safest to defer non-urgent in-person visitation until 10 days after their close contact if they meet criteria described in CDC healthcare guidance (e.g., cannot wear source control).
 - e. While there is no restriction on the number of visitors a resident may receive at one time, visits should be conducted in a manner that adheres to the core infection control principles and does not increase risk to other residents.
 - f. Hand hygiene (use of alcohol-based hand rub is preferred), will be performed by the resident and the visitors before and after contact.
 - g. A face covering or mask (covering the mouth and nose) may be worn, if desired or indicated, in accordance with CDC guidance.
 - h. Residents, visitors, and staff are encouraged to keep up with their COVID-19 and other recommended vaccinations.
 - i. In an effort to protect our residents from being exposed to viruses and bacteria, we encourage visitors to refrain from visiting if experiencing cold or flu symptoms until the symptoms have subsided.
3. If visiting a resident residing in a semi-private room with a roommate, visitors are required to respect the roommate's rights and privacy during visitation.