



Outdoor Visitation Policy & Procedure

Policy:

It is the policy of this skilled nursing facility to follow South Carolina DHEC, CDC and CMS guidelines as it relates to Outdoor Visitation.

Criteria for Facility to Offer Limited Outdoor Visitation:

The facility must ensure that all check list items below have been met before offering outside visitation.

- Screening of residents for any symptoms consistent with COVID-19 infection with documentation is occurring at least daily and for staff at the start of each shift.
- Facility has adequate staffing and personal protective equipment (PPE).
- Facility must provide their written plan for limited outdoor visitation to DHEC's Healthcare Quality division.
- There have been **no cases** among staff and residents identified in the facility within the **last 14 days**.
- For a nursing home, testing must be occurring per CMS requirements before visitation may begin at the facility.

*If **all criteria** are met above move to procedure section below for detailed execution of outdoor visitation.

Procedure:

1. Limited outdoor, in-person visitation is permitted in designated, outdoor visitation space with approval from local and state health departments.
2. Any resident or visitor with suspected or confirmed to be infected with COVID-19 will not be allowed to have in-person, outdoor visitation.
3. Visitors with a history of resolved COVID-19 may be provided with in-person, outdoor visitation as long as 20 days have passed since the date of their first positive viral diagnostic test.
4. Residents with a history of COVID-19 may be provided outdoor visitation as long as they no longer require transmission based precautions.
5. Each visitor will:
 - A) be screened for fever, respiratory symptoms, GI symptoms and other pertinent COVID-19 screening questions. (See Outdoor Visitor Log).
 - B) have to read and acknowledge the COVID-19 Health Risk waiver form.

- C) have to submit to a Point of Care test at the facility prior to the visit. This POC test produces results in 15 minutes and will be required for all visitors prior to visit. If the result is Positive for COVID-19 the visitor will not be allowed to visit.
6. Visitors will provide contact information on the screening log to assist in contact tracing if needed.
 7. Visits will be limited to **15 minutes**.
 8. Visitors are asked to arrive **30 minutes early** for the scheduled appointment time to allow for adequate time to screen and collect visitor information. Any visitor arriving late for their scheduled visit will be denied visitation at that time and have to reschedule.
 9. No more than two visitors will be allowed to visit at a time.
 10. Visitors will be restricted to children 12 years or older. Special family circumstances warranting children under age 12 to visit may be approved on a case-by-case basis.
 11. Each visitor will remain at least 6 feet from the resident.
 12. Visitors will be required to utilize hand sanitizer before the visit and after the visit concludes.
 13. Visitors will be provided a surgical face mask by the facility which must be worn over their nose and mouth at all times during the visit.
 14. Residents will be required to wear a surgical face mask during the visit that covers their nose and mouth at all times during the visit.
 15. A designated staff member trained in patient safety and infection control measures will remain in the designated visitation area with the resident during each visit.
 16. The designated staff member will maintain visual observation during the visit to ensure the 6 feet separation is maintained, while providing private conversation as best as possible.
 17. Residents being transported to outdoor visitation areas will not move through a designated COVID-19 care space or space where residents suspected or confirmed to be infected with COVID-19 are present.
 18. Outdoor visits with residents will be scheduled in advance and are dependent on permissible weather conditions, availability of outdoor space and appropriate staffing to meet resident care needs.
 19. After each visit the designated staff member will sanitize the visitation space (i.e. chair, table, etc) with an EPA-registered disinfectant and ensure the area has been disinfected.

Suspension of Outdoor Visitation:

Outdoor visitation will be suspended if any of the below criteria are met:

- a. If **one or more cases** are identified in residents and/or staff members, visitation will be suspended until CMS testing protocols are completed. Visitation may resume 14 days after the identification of the last case.
- b. If testing is not able to occur per CMS requirements, visitation will be suspended.
- c. The facility reserves the right to restrict or eliminate without notice outdoor visitation due to disease transmission in the facility or community, visitor non-compliance, weather or outdoor temperature, or other factors deemed appropriate by the facility.

Any changes to facility visitation will be posted on our website
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