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### VISITATION

- The facility designates for a person responsible for staff adherence to this policy will be the administrator of the facility
- At time of admission, residents and present involved companies will receive education and policy review for the facilities infection control practices. New visitors to the facility that had not undergone the education will be required to undergo the education of the facilities infection control policies.
- All visitors to the facility will be asked to fully wash their hands upon entry to the building and make use of the facilities hand sanitizer before entering any public area of the facility ( such as dining room, lounge area or any room where residents may congregate). All visitors to the facility will be screened for symptoms of infectious diseases. Temperatures will be taken, and visitors will be provided with gloves and a mask. Visitors will be provided a mask and gloves if the resident they are visiting is capable of transmitting any infection to others. Visitors will also be required to sign the visitors log located in the offices unit. Visitors are not compelled to provide proof of vaccination or immunization status.
- Residents may have their visitors between the hours of 9:00 am to 9:00 pm. Visitors are not given a specified amount of time to remain in the building. Visitors may also take the resident out, assuring the resident has signed out as well. Any restriction imposed must come from a governing agency that can supersede facility policy and protocol. Essential caregivers are given hours of 8:00 am to 10:00 pm unless an alternative time frame is agreed upon between the Essential caregiver and the facilities' administrator.
- Residents may have two guests permitted between visiting hours. Residents who wish to bring three or more guests must inform the facility management prior for the facility to make accommodations available.
- The facility does not condone or allow visitors entrance to the facility to be based on proof of vaccination or immunization status. This information will not be asked of visitors and staff, as part of their training, should not request this from any visitor.
- Residents and their guests, to the best of the facilities ability, will allow privacy. Residents who share a room with another resident can request a private area to meet with their visitor. The facility will attempt to accommodate by use of an empty room. The facility cannot force the room mate to be out of the room. Residents who do not share a room may use their room as the private dwelling for privacy. Residents and visitors will not be prohibited from any consensual physical contact.

Unless objected by the resident, the facility will not turn away any visitor, family member, friend, guardian, or other individual designed by the resident in writing as their essential caregiver for the purpose of the following:

- a. End of life situations
- b. Resident who was living with a family before being admitted to the facilities' care and is struggling with the change in environment and lack of in-person family support.
- c. The resident is making one or more major medical decisions
- d. A resident, client, or patient is experiencing emotional distress or grieving the loss of a friend or family member who recently died.
- e. The resident needs cueing or encouragement to eat or drink which was previously provided by a family member or caregiver.
- f. A resident who used to talk and interact with others who is seldom speaking.