

MEMO

COVID-19 Update: Visitation for the Health Center (Skilled Nursing), Assisted Living, and Memory Care

This memo pertains only to the regulated areas of Bayview. Effective February 23rd, 2022, the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) will end the “Safe-Start for Long Term Care” guidance and begin to enforce new guidance called the “Long Term Care COVID-19 Response Plan.” In this plan visitation for regulated areas are outlined as follows:

Health Center – Skilled Nursing

Effective Wednesday February 23rd, 2022, Bayview will open unrestricted visitation to the Health Center. Visitation numbers, frequency, duration, and schedules will no longer be necessary.

Assisted Living and Memory Care

Assisted Living and Memory Care are still considered in an “outbreak” status through the end of March 8th, 2022. Visitation is limited to Compassionate Care Visitation (CCV) and Essential Support Personnel (ESP) scheduled visitation as before. Once the “outbreak” period ends, Bayview will open unrestricted visitation to the Assisted Living and Memory care areas. We anticipate this will occur on March 9th, 2022, if there are no further positive cases between now and then.

Should we anticipate any changes to visitation in the future?

Visitation in regulated areas will revert to CCV and ESP visitation restrictions if a COVID-19 outbreak occurs. As a reminder, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) states an outbreak is defined as:

- 1 resident confirmed positive for COVID-19
- 2 staff members confirmed positive for COVID-19 who were onsite at any time during their exposure.

Do safety protocols change when visitation restrictions are lifted this Wednesday?

Safety protocols will remain in place and include the following:

- Visitors must attest to the Governor’s proclamation.
- Visitors must properly and honestly screen at the front desk reception.
- Visits can take place in a resident’s room (roommate permitting)
- Visits can take place in a resident’s room (physical distancing of 6 feet permitting)
- Visitors are not allowed in public areas throughout the facility unless designated as a visitation area.
- Visitors must adhere to the Core Principles of Infection Control:
 - Practice of frequent hand hygiene by the use of Alcohol Based Hand Rubs (ABHRs)
 - Utilize source control properly at all times.
 - Physically distance six (6) feet during the visit.

This has been a long, arduous journey for residents and families in our regulated areas. While we are encouraged and hopeful in the implementation of the Long-Term Care COVID-19 Response Plan, we also understand the risks involved with this giant leap in opening our community. Thank you for your collective effort in practicing the core principals of infection control and keeping everyone safe during your visit.

Please contact the appropriate staff below if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
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