



## Visitation Policy

IDPH, CMS and CDC continue to recommend facilities, residents, and families adhere to the core principles of COVID-19 infection prevention, including physical distancing (maintaining at least 6 feet between people). This continues to be the safest way to prevent the spread of COVID-19, particularly if either party has not been fully vaccinated.

- Weather permitting, outdoor visits are strongly preferred to indoor. Indoor visits will only be held in the designated visiting areas. The number of visitors will be subject to the size of the area.
- Appointments are required in advance of all visits. We must know the names, phone number and e-mail address of all visitors for prescreening and contact tracing.
- All visitors will be prescreened by email or phone using a written, checklist-based screening protocol as outlined by IDPH screening requirements, no more than 24 hours prior to the scheduled visit. Upon arrival the visitor will be re-screened using the same screening protocol. If any visitor develops symptoms of COVID-19 within 3 days after visiting, immediately notify the facility.
- **Masks will be worn by resident (if medically tolerated) and visitors** at all times. No food or drink will be consumed while visiting.
- When visiting a resident who is **fully vaccinated\*\*** - *they can choose to have close contact (including touch) with their visitor while wearing a well-fitting face mask and performing hand-hygiene before and after. Regardless, visitors should physically distance from other residents and staff in the facility.*
- When visiting a resident who is **not fully vaccinated\*\*** - *A minimum of 6 feet physical distance between visitors, resident, and all others in facility will be maintained at all times. Additionally, no items should be exchanged between visitor(s) and resident.*
- Visiting hours will be determined by the facility's ability to screen and supervise visits. If demand for appointments exceeds availability, the number of visits per resident per week may be limited to meet all residents' needs. Additionally, due to high demand, weekend visits may be limited to one visit per day, per resident.
- Visits may be supervised as needed to ensure all infection control practices are followed. If at any time it is determined that visitors or resident are not adhering to facility visitation policy, staff may end the visit.
- For indoor visits, children who are unable to adhere to the core principles of COVID-19 infection prevention will not be permitted to visit at this time.
- Areas will be cleaned and disinfected between visitors.

**\*\* Fully vaccinated** refers to a person who is  $\geq 2$  weeks following receipt of the second dose in a 2-dose series, or  $\geq 2$  weeks following receipt of one dose of a single-dose vaccine, per the CDC's Public Health Recommendations for Vaccinated Persons.