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## Central Park Visitation Fact Sheet

CMS and DOH outlined new visitation guidelines liberalizing the process.

Central Park will no longer restrict visitation. We ask that you still schedule visitation as able because there are still infection control considerations we have to be mindful of.

### **DOH outlined Core Principles of of Covid-19 Infection Prevention. They are as follows:**

- Visitors who have a positive viral test for Covid-19, symptoms or Covid-19, or currently meet the criteria for quarantine, should not enter the facility. Facilities should screen all who enter for these visitation exclusions.
- Hand hygiene (use of alcohol-based hand rub is preferred)
- Face covering or mask (covering mouth and nose) and physical distancing at least six feet in between people, in accordance with CDC guidance.
- Instructional signage throughout the facility and proper visitor education on Covid-19 signs and symptoms, infection control precautions, other applicable facility practices (eg. Use of face covering or mask, specified entries, exits, and routes to designated areas, hand hygiene)
- Cleaning and disinfecting high frequency touched surfaces in the facility often, and designated visitation areas after each visit.
- Appropriate staff use of personal protective equipment (PPE)
- Effective cohorting of residents (eg. Separate areas dedicated to Covid-19 care).

Visitors who are unable to adhere to the core principles of Covid-19 infection prevention should not be permitted to visit.

All visitors must undergo a pre-visitation screening, including a health screening and temperature monitoring.

- You will not be permitted to enter if you suspect you have symptoms, you are running a temperature, you do not pass screening questions, have been exposed to someone with COVID in the past 14 days.
- Please arrive 15 minutes prior to your scheduled visit if you require the facility to provide you with a free rapid antigen COVID test. Once you arrive, please enter the first set of double doors to complete your test. Please return to your car, and wait 15 minutes before returning and verifying a negative test with Central Park staff.
- Visitors are required to comply with facility infection control protocols, such as hand sanitizing and wearing a mask. Your face mask must cover both your nose and mouth at all times. Please keep a 6 ft. distance between yourself and other visitors/Residents/staff members.
- Visitation will be allowed and continue except under the following circumstances/scenarios:
  - Visitors with confirmed COVID-19 infection, whether vaccinated or unvaccinated, until they have met the criteria to discontinue transmission based precautions.



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- A separate screening log will be maintained with visitor identifying data for the department of health for the purpose of contact tracing.
- Visitation will occur in a designated area and all visitors must remain in the assigned visitation area, whether that be the community room on 1<sup>st</sup> floor, or Resident's room.
- Please do not visit with anyone other than your loved one. This includes other residents and visitors.
- Unfortunately, if any visitor fails to adhere to the protocol, he/she/they will be prohibited from visiting.
- The facility will continue to provide notifications regarding any new positive COVID cases among residents and staff as well as any COVID related deaths.

We appreciate your on-going support during this time and we are pleased to be able to open visitation to our residents and loved ones. We look forward to all of us working together to continue to maintain a safe environment for our residents.

Sincerely,

Central Park