

## **Facility Visitation Policy & Procedures**

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Visitation Policy and Procedures Pursuant to 408.823, Florida Statutes, the facility's Visitation Policy and Procedures must include the following information and meet or exceed the standards included in section 429.28(1)(d), Florida Statutes.

Policy Guideline Overview:

- A. Visitors to this facility are not required to show proof of vaccination or immunization.
- B. Consensual physical contact between a resident, client, or patient and a visitor at all stages of life. This includes all of the following: 1) End of life situations; 2) When a resident, client, or patient who was living with family before being admitted to the facility's care is struggling with the change in environment and lack of in person family support; 3) If a resident, client or patient is making one or more major medical decisions; 4) If a resident, client or patient is experiencing emotional distress or grieving the loss of a friend or family member who recently died; 5) When a resident, client or patient needs cueing or encouragement to eat or drink which was previously provided by a family member or caregiver; 6) When a resident, client or patient who used to talk and interact with others is seldom.
- C. Facility resident, client or patient has an option to designate a visitor who is a family member, friend, guardian, or other individual as an essential caregiver. A designated essential caregiver is not required to provide necessary care to facility resident, client or patient. Our facility allows in-person visitation by the essential caregiver for at least 2 hours, in addition to any other visitation timeframes. Additionally, an essential caregiver shall not be denied entry to the facility, regardless of resident's health infection status.
- D. All visitors to this facility must sign a written agreement with this facility's visitor policies and procedures, which shall not be more stringent than what is required by facility staff.
- E. With exception of an Essential Caregiver, this facility may suspend, in person visitation of a specific visitor if visitor violates the facility's policies and procedures.

### **1. Infection Control & Education Policy**

- Facility's infection control policies and education for visitors shall include notifying facility staff if they are exhibiting any signs/symptoms of a communicable disease, entry screening to include a sign-in and sign-out form upon entry and exit, temperature check, an infection control questionnaire, and wearing PPE (personal protective equipment such as masks, gloves- gowns/face shields) if they are a visitor designated as essential and are exhibiting such signs/symptoms and/or when infection periods occur in the facility. Proper handwashing before and after any interaction with facility staff or residents is always required by this facility of both staff and visitors, regardless of presence of any signs/symptoms of a communicable disease.

- All facility staff receive initial infection control training upon hire and receive annual & emergency infection control training as unexpected events occur. Such education includes detailed instructions to prevent the spread of communicable diseases at the facility, to include education on the facility's screening protocols (sign-in and sign-out form, temperature screening and infection control questionnaire), in addition to always using gloves and required PPE when working with resident's bodily fluids, cross contamination education when dealing with foods and refrigerated items, and additional infection control items.
- This facility will also refer to State guidance and local officials when making decisions about visitor restrictions (except essential caregivers), group activities and communal dining. However, unless an unexpected event presents itself, facility will continue to follow referenced visitor policies and procedures with regards to no visitation restrictions, group activities and communal dining.

## 2. Permissible Length of Visits & Number of Visitors

- Facility permits visits between 9am-9pm and has no restricted length of visits. The facility does not limit number of visitors during visits; however facility requires notification at least 24 hours in advance if number of visitors in your party for a specific resident will exceed 5 so the facility can make space arrangements based on the number of other visitors in the facility during your visit time.

## 3. Person Responsible for Making Sure Staff Adhere to Policies & Procedures

- The facility Administrator is responsible for making sure all staff adhere to policies and procedures.

This concludes with the visitation policies and procedures for At Home Care Assisted Living Facility, Inc.