



## SKILLED NURSING FACILITY

### Visitation Guidance 8/13/2021

#### **Outdoor Visitation is Currently the ONLY Visitation Currently Allowed**

The safety of the patient is the primary factor in determining whether or not to allow outdoor visitation. Both transport safety and weather conditions (extreme heat, rain, etc.) are factors that will impact our ability to provide outdoor visits. This decision will be made by nursing, therapy, or a combination thereof.

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When social distancing is required visitors and patients should stay 6 feet apart and be masked at all times wearing the mask to fully cover the nose and mouth. Cloth masks are acceptable for visitors, and visitors are encouraged to bring a mask with them. Because of this, facility staff may be on standby to supervise and ensure social distancing is maintained.

We request that visitors limit the number of folks attending a visit to two people. Because small children can struggle with maintaining social distancing, we ask that children who visit be 10 years old or older.

Visits last 15-30 minutes as a general rule and can be scheduled by calling the social services office at 931-967-8392. The time slots vary based on patient need/demand for visitation, but we're very flexible and work with families to make sure visits can happen. Please call Natalie at 967-8392 to check availability for a visitation time slot.

Window visitations remain an available alternative/supplement to in person visitation.

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This visitation guidance aligns with CMS standards (QSO-20-39-NH) regarding visits. We have also consulted with the Tennessee Department of Health regarding these measures. End of life and other compassionate care visitations are certainly allowed and will be managed on an individual basis.