

## Visitation Reference Guidance

Visit Type	COVID Negative Resident	COVID Unknown Resident	COVID Positive Resident	COVID negative test last -10 days required	Sign-in and Screening Required	Appointment Required	Physical Distancing With All Encountered	County Positivity Rate Considerations	Wristband or Badge Required	Visitor Enters Building	IPC Handout Required	Facemask and PPE Required	Acknowledgement Agreement
Essential Caregiver	X	X	X*		X	X	X <sup>^</sup>	Process Below	X	X	X	X	X
Indoor Personal Visitor	X				X	X	X <sup>^</sup>	Process Below	X	X	X	X	
Salon Visitor	X				X	X	X	Process Below	X	X	X	X	X
Provider of Essential Service	X	X	X	X	X				X	X	X	X	
Outdoor Visit	X				X	X	X <sup>^</sup>	Process Below			X	X	X
Closed Window (COVID unit)			X		X	X	X					X	
End-of-Life	X	X	X		X	X			X	X	X	X	X
Team Member	X	X	X	X	X				X	X	X	X	
Persons with Legal Authority					X		X				X	X	X
Person Providing Critical Assist	X	X			X	X			X	X	X	X	X

\* **Exposure - Less than 15 minute visit and Full PPE (includes N95 Masks), Encourage Physical Distancing.**

<sup>^</sup>A fully vaccinated resident wearing a well-fitting face covering or facemask may choose to have physical contact with their visitor during an indoor or outdoor visit.

**Process to Determine Indoor Visitation:** *If County positivity rate is 10% or less must allow indoor visitation for all COVID-19 negative status for residents, patients, and veterans*

- Separate cohort areas for COVID-19 positive status (hot zone), COVID-19 unknown status (warm zone), COVID-19 negative status (cool zone) and assigned TMs to each of those designated zones avoiding rotating assignments.
- County positivity rates more > 10% and at least 70% res/pts/veterans are fully vaccinated must allow indoor visitation for COVID-19 negative residents/patients/veterans
- If county positivity rate is > 10% and less than 70% of the res/pts/veterans are fully vaccinated, the NF must allow indoor visitations for those who are fully vaccinated with a COVID-19 negative status. Res/Pts/Vets who are not fully vaccinated and are COVID-19 negative status are permitted to have outdoor.

### HHSC Definitions

- **COVID-19 Negative:** Negative COVID-19 test, is not exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, and has had no known exposure to the virus since the negative test.
- **COVID-19 Positive:** Positive COVID-19 test and does not yet meet CDC guidance for the discontinuation of transmission-based precautions.
- **End-of-Life Visit:** A personal visit between a visitor and a resident who is at or near end of life, with or without receiving hospice services, or whose prognosis does not indicate recovery--permitted in all facilities and for all residents at or near the end of life.
- **Essential Caregiver:** An individual who is at least 18 years old and has been designated by the resident or legal representative.

- **Essential Caregiver Visit:** A personal visit between a resident and a designated essential caregiver--permitted in all facilities for all residents.
- **Facility-Acquired COVID-19 Infection:** COVID-19 infection that is acquired after admission in a nursing facility and was not present at the end of the 14-day quarantine period following admission or readmission.
- **Fully Vaccinated:** An individual who is 14 days post 2<sup>nd</sup> dose of a two-dose vaccine or 14 days post single dose vaccine.
- **Indoor Visit:** A visit between a resident and one or more personal visitors that occurs in-person in a dedicated indoor space.
- **Outbreak:** One or more laboratory confirmed cases of COVID-19 identified in either paid or unpaid staff, or one or more laboratory confirmed facility-acquired cases of COVID-19 identified in a resident.
- **Outdoor Visit:** A visit between a resident and one or more personal visitors that occurs in-person in a dedicated outdoor space.
- **Persons Providing Critical Assistance:** Providers of essential services, persons with legal authority to enter, family members or friends of residents at the end of life, and two designated essential caregivers.
- **Persons with Legal Authority to Enter:** Law enforcement officers, representatives of the long-term care ombudsman's office, and government personnel performing their official duties.
- **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):** Equipment worn to minimize exposure to a variety of hazards—i.e. masks, gown, gloves, shoe coverings.
- **Providers of Essential Services:** Contract doctors, contract nurses, home health and hospice workers, health care professionals, contract professionals, clergy members, spiritual counselors, and individuals operating under the authority of a local intellectual and developmental disability authority, local mental health authority, or local behavioral health authority, whose services are necessary to ensure resident health and safety.
- **Salon Services Visit:** A personal visit between a resident and a salon services visitor.
- **Salon Services Visitor:** A barber, beautician, or cosmetologist providing hair care or personal grooming services to a resident.
- **Unknown COVID-19 Status:** The status of a person who is a new admission or readmission, has spent one or more nights away from the facility, has had known exposure or close contact with a person who is COVID-19 positive, or who is exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 while awaiting test results.