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Policy: Fair Acres Geriatric Center COVID-19 Reopening Visitation

Purpose: To reopen visitation while minimizing risk to the health and well-being of residents, employees, and visitors.

Responsibility: All employees

Standard Supervised Visitation:

All visitation will be scheduled by the Social Services Department. The contact phone number to schedule visitation is 610-891-5657. The facility will make all attempts to accommodate visitation requests for residents. Visitation will be suspended at the facility when a COVID-19 outbreak is identified. The following core principles must be observed prior to, during and after any scheduled visitation.

1. A maximum of 2 visitors per resident will be permitted and should arrive at the facility in one car, preferably 15-minutes prior to the scheduled appointment time.
2. All visitors must have proof of at least one of the following:
 - A COVID-19 negative test result within 5 days prior to arriving for their visit. Without proof of a negative result, the visit will be rescheduled for a later time when proof can be provided.
 - A COVID-19 vaccination card – must be at least 2 weeks post second dose of vaccine in a 2 dose vaccine series, or 2 weeks post 1 dose of a single dose vaccine.
 - If previously positive for COVID-19, must be greater than 30 days since diagnosis.
3. Visitors will park in a specified location and a facility representative will meet them. Screening will take place while the visitors remain in their vehicle.
4. All visitors must wear a surgical mask or N95 mask while visiting facility grounds. No cloth masks will be permitted in the facility. If visitors do not have an appropriate mask, one will be provided for them.
5. All visits will be scheduled in 20-minute increments. Sanitation will take place in between each visit.
6. Hand hygiene must be performed prior to entering the visitation area and after exiting the visitation area.
7. Visitors must always stay in the designated visitation area during the visit.
8. Physical contact is prohibited at all times during visitation with residents unless:

- A fully vaccinated resident chooses to have close contact with a visitor who is fully vaccinated with a 2 dose vaccine series.
 - Both the resident and visitor must wear a well-fitting face mask.
 - Both the resident and the visitor must perform hand hygiene before and after close contact.

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- A fully vaccinated resident chooses to have close contact with a visitor who is fully vaccinated with 1 dose of a single dose vaccine and can also provide a COVID-19 negative test result within 5 days prior to the visit.
 - Both the resident and visitor must wear a well-fitting face mask.
 - Both the resident and the visitor must perform hand hygiene before and after close contact.
9. No exchanges of personal belongings will be accepted at this visit. Please contact Social Services to arrange at a later time.
 10. If prior to, or at any time during the visit, a visitor experiences any symptoms of COVID-19, they must report this to the facility representative. If a visitor were to experience any symptoms in the 14-day period following visitation, this should be immediately reported to the facility.
 11. If any of these core principles are not observed, it is at the facility's discretion to end the visit at any time.

Hospice Sign-on/End-of-life Visitation:

At the request of the responsible party, one hospice sign-on visit and one end-of-life visit will be granted and approved at the discretion of the facility. This visit will take place in the resident-care area. A maximum of 2 visitors per resident will be accompanied to the resident-care area, following screening and the application of full personal protective equipment.

Compassionate Care Visitation:

At the request of the responsible party, Compassionate Care visitation will be granted and approved at the facility's discretion based upon documented physical, mental, or emotional change in status. Compassionate care visitation will be arranged as a visit. If the resident's physical/mental condition prohibits a contact-less visit in a neutral zone, alternative arrangements will be provided.

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- A fully vaccinated resident chooses to have close contact with a visitor who is fully vaccinated with 1 dose of a single dose vaccine and can also provide a COVID-19 negative test result within 5 days prior to the visit.
 - Both the resident and visitor must wear a well-fitting face mask.
 - Both the resident and the visitor must perform hand hygiene before and after close contact.
- 9. No exchanges of personal belongings will be accepted at this visit. Please contact Social Services to arrange at a later time.
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