

**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, residents, and visitors

**Visitation is allowed for all residents at all times:**

A resident has the right to receive visitors of his or her choosing, and in a manner that does not impose on the rights of another resident. If a resident has a guardianship in place, permission for a visit must be obtained from the guardian prior to the visit.

If a resident is on transmission-based-precautions, visits are discouraged.

Visitation will be conducted off the resident care unit. If the resident is unable to visit off the resident care unit, the visit will be allowed in the resident's room, if it does not impose on the rights of another resident.

1. A resident may deny or withdraw consent for a visit at any time.
2. Outdoor visitation is the preferred method of visitation.
3. Visitors are encouraged to be vaccinated
4. Visitors are encouraged to be tested 2-3 days prior to coming to the facility for a visit.
5. Visitors who have a positive test for COVID-19, symptoms of COVID-19, or who are currently quarantining due to a COVID-19 exposure should not visit the facility.
  - Visitors are asked to notify the facility if they test positive for COVID-19, have symptoms of COVID-19, or are currently quarantining due to a COVID-19 exposure and have visited the facility in the past 14 days.
6. Visits are discouraged during mealtimes and medication times.
7. Close contact during a visit is discouraged.
8. Large gatherings are discouraged.
9. Visitors should limit their movement when in the facility.
10. In the event of a COVID-19 outbreak at the facility signage will be posted, and the facility website will be updated to include the location and time frame of the identified exposure.
  - Visitors are encouraged to avoid entering the facility during an outbreak as there is an increased risk of contracting the COVID-19 virus while visiting.

**Core Principles of COVID-19 Infection Prevention must be followed during visitation:**

1. Hand hygiene is encouraged upon entering the facility, as needed during the visit, and prior to leaving the facility.
2. Face masks are required for visitors and are recommended for residents.

3. Physical distancing of at least 6 feet between people should always occur.

**\*\*\*Visitors who are unable to adhere to the core principles will be asked to leave the facility\*\*\***

**Procedure:**

1. The visitor is encouraged to notify the resident care unit of their anticipated visit a head of time so that the staff can assist the resident is preparing for the upcoming visit.
2. The visitor will notify the resident care unit when they arrive at the facility for the visit.
3. If applicable the staff will assist the resident to the designated meeting area.
4. When the visit is concluded the visitor will notify the resident care unit so that staff can assist the resident with returning to the unit.