

Assisted Living Indoor Visitation Policy & Guidelines

Brethren Care Village Assisted Living will permit indoor visitations per ODH and CDC guidelines, effective October 12, 2020. The following policy and guidelines have been established to ensure the health safety of the residents, visitors, and staff. Visitation procedures are subject to change. Just-in-time modifications to this policy will be made as needed, based upon the most current recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Ohio Department of Health. Modifications will be communicated with residents, visitors, and staff.

Education:

Residents, Visitors, Families and Staff will be educated on the importance of limiting exposure and infection control during visit and visitation requirements.

Environment:

- * Indoor visitation areas will be clearly designated.
- * Seating will be provided in designated visitation area.
- * No less than 6-foot spacing will be visibly marked segregating the indoor visitation area for social distancing between the resident and visitors. Per CDC recommendation, a 6-foot social distance is required during visitations. If not adhered to the resident will be required to change clothing, wash hands and self-isolate for a 14-day period.
- * Visitation areas are non-smoking areas.

Screening/Sanitation:

- * Visitors should arrive promptly and will check in at the main entrance.
- * Visitors are to report to the designated entrance for scheduled visits to sign in and complete the required Covid-19 screening and have temperature taken. This will be completed by facility staff on duty.
- * All visitors will be screened, and temperature taken upon arrival. Those individuals with a temperature greater than 100 degrees and/or are positive for signs and symptoms will not be permitted to visit.
- * A resident with Covid-19 or signs and symptoms of Covid-19, who does not meet the CDC criteria for discontinuation of precautions may not participate in visitation, except for end of life situations.
- * Hand sanitizer stations will be available and encouraged for use for visitors and residents prior to and after the visit.
- * The visiting area will be sanitized by facility staff in between visits.
- * Contact visitation logs of all visitors will be kept in accordance with state, federal retention requirements.

Face Coverings:

- *Residents and visitors will be required to wear surgical/procedural face coverings throughout the visit.
- *The facility will provide surgical/procedural face covering for the visitors and resident to wear.
- *If the resident and or the family member removes the face covering at anytime during the visit the resident will be required to self-isolate for a 14-day period.

Visit Expectations:

- *Scheduled visiting hours will be available **Monday-Sunday 10am-6pm**
- *Each visit will be scheduled with a 30-minute time limit.
- *Residents will be allowed one indoor visit per week.
- * Only **two** visitors will be permitted per visit with the resident. Visitors are required to be at a maturity to understand social distancing and facial coverings
- ***Visits are to be scheduled 2 days in advance through:**
 - Belmont Tower- Kelly Dull (419-207-3086).**
 - Brookwood Place – Kristine Miller (567-215-5616)**
 - Bradford Houses – Jessica Walters (567-203-3062)**
- * Visitors will be escorted to designated visitation area and escorted out following visitation.
- * Visits will be monitored by staff for proper social distancing, screening, sanitization, and use of facial covering throughout the visitation period.
- *No food- gifts- or beverages will be permitted to be exchanged within the visitation areas. These items are to be left at the receptionist desk during check-in.
- * Restrooms will not be accessible for public use.
- *Visitations may be suspended based on the case status of the surrounding community, Case status in the facility, Staffing levels, Access to adequate testing for residents and staff, PPE Supplies and Local hospital capacity.

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