

NOTRE DAME HEALTH & REHABILITATION CENTER'S

PATIO (OUTSIDE) VISITATION POLICY

FACILITIES:

- Visits will be 30 minutes in length (starting 8/31/20).
- A schedule of visitation hours must be established.
- Adequate staff must be present to allow for personnel to help with the outdoor transition of residents, monitoring of visitation, and wiping down visitation areas after each family, partner or friendship visit.
- Visitors must be screened for signs and symptoms of COVID.
- Areas where visitors and residents sit must be wiped down between visitations using an approved antiviral disinfectant.
- There must be adequate PPE to permit residents, if they are able to comply, to wear a face mask during visitation.
- Visitors must appropriately wear a face covering at all times.
- Outdoor visitation spaces must allow appropriate social distancing of at least 6 feet between visitors and loved ones.
- Facilities must provide alcohol-based hand rub to families visiting residents and demonstrate how to use it appropriately if necessary.
- Facilities may establish additional guidelines as needed to ensure the safety of visitations and their facility's operations

RESIDENTS:

- Residents must have the ability to safely transition from their room to an outdoor visitation location.
- Residents who have had COVID-19 must no longer require transmission-based precautions as outlined by the CDC.
- Prioritization for visitation should be for residents with diseases that cause progressive cognitive decline (e.g., Alzheimer's disease) and residents expressing feelings of loneliness. Loneliness can have deleterious consequences, including increased risk of depression, suicidal thoughts, aggressive behaviors, and anxiety.
- Residents who are able to should wear a face mask during the visitation.

VISITORS:

- Must wear a face covering or mask during the entire visitation.
- Must use alcohol-based hand rub before and after visitation.
- Must stay in designated facility locations.

- Visitation should be restricted to children 12 years of age or older. Visitors with children must be able to manage them, and children must be able to wear a face mask during the entire visitation. Special family circumstances warranting children under the age of 12 to visit can be approved by individual facilities.
- Must sign in and provide contact information.
- Must not have signs or symptoms of COVID-19; visitors must also attest to their COVID status (testing results) and if they have had COVID-19, they must provide documentation (e.g., doctor's note) that they no longer meet CDC criteria for transmission-based precautions.
- Visitors may provide food and beverage to the resident consistent with dietary considerations, but food should not be shared between residents and visitors.

WEATHER CONCERNS:

Visitations should occur only on days when there are no weather warnings that would put either visitors or residents at risk. Furthermore, visitation spaces must provide adequate protection from weather elements (e.g., shaded from the sun). Any facilities that meet the above criteria would still retain the right to deny outdoor visitation if they believe circumstances pose a risk of transmitting COVID-19 to the facility.