

MORNINGSTAR ASSISTED LIVING DBA

COUNTRY INN ALF, BAYTREE LAKESIDE ALF, SUMMERFIELD SUITES

Visitation Policy

Policy: The Visitation Policy is designed to promote resident, visitor, and employee safety and compliance with applicable laws and regulations. The community does not restrict visitation.

As Per Florida Statute 408.823, the Administrator is responsible for ensuring that staff adhere to the policies and procedures.

The general outline of the program is as follows:

- All individuals who enter the building will be screened for symptoms prior to entry. This includes employees, vendors, third party providers, and visitors.
- Visitors are not required to submit proof of any vaccination or immunization, and consensual physical contact between a resident and the visitor is allowed.
- All visitations will be permitted after meeting screening requirements.
- All Visitors are encouraged to always wear a face mask.
- There is no limit on the number of visitors aloud per visit.
- Any expectations set forth in this policy will never exceed those of which apply to the employees of the facility.

ONLY EMERGENCY PERSONAL ARE PERMITTED ENTRY WITHOUT BEING SCREENED PRIOR TO ENTRY.

Screening Process:

- Ensure hand sanitizer is available to them near the screening area.
- Visitors must fill out the screen form and have their temperature taken to check for a fever.
- If the person is a first time visitor, offer them the Infection Control Training and Education Policies and the Required Visitation Infection Control Training Materials.
- The facility will provide, and personal protective equipment (PPE) needed prior to permitting entry.
- **All visitors must immediately inform the facility if they develop infectious disease symptoms or test positive for any infectious diseases within ten (10) days of their visit.**

In the event a visitor violates the facilities policies and procedures as outlined and agreed to by signing in during the screening, the facility has the right to suspend in-person visitation for the specific visitor.

Essential Caregivers

A resident or their responsible party may designate anyone they choose as an Essential Caregiver. There are no limits on the number of identified Essential Caregivers per resident.

Special Circumstances

In the event of a local, state, or Federal agency might require restriction, the Essential Caregiver will be allowed in all the following circumstances, unless the resident objects”

- End of life situations
- A resident who was living with family before moving into the facility is struggling with the change in environment and lack of in-person family support.
- The resident is making one or more major medical decision.
- A resident is experiencing emotional distress.
- A resident is grieving the loss of a friend or family member who recently died.
- A resident needs cueing or encouragement to eat or drink which was previously provided by a family member or caregiver.
- A resident who use to talk and interact with others is seldom speaking.

During these visit times, visits must be conducted in the resident’s room.

Conclusion

Visitors are an important part of our residents lives, enriching their daily routines and helping them enjoy our home-like atmosphere. If for any reason you have questions about our Community Access and Visitors Program, please feel free to contact your facility administrator.

As a Reminder:

- There are no set visiting hours; however, outside doors are locked in the evening. To gain access after facility business hours you must call into the facility and inform staff you are at the door waiting to be screened for a visit.
- There is also no limit on the length of a visit, however there is no spending the night and sleeping during a visit, unless preapproved by the administrator or if the resident is a hospice client.
- There are no restrictions on the number of people allowed per visit, however, visitors under the age of 18 must be accompanied by the adult visitor at all times.

We also ask visitors to respect to the following rules:

- Please do not enter other residents' rooms unless a resident specifically invites you in and Please do not linger throughout the facility or at the entrances or exits without the resident you are visiting.
- We have a strict policy on no drugs and alcohol allowed on facility property. This includes those who hold a legal marijuana card. You may not consume or share drugs and alcohol with the residents.
- The facility is a smoke free environment this includes vaping, there are outside areas designated for smoking or vaping. This does not include marijuana.
- Any suspicion of abuse will be reported to the Department of Children and Families as well as the local police department. This may result in a suspension of the current visit until an investigation is conducted by the authorities.