



COVID-19 Visitation Policy

Purpose: United Hebrew will follow all New York State Department of Health guidelines and CDC guidelines with regards to reopening for visitation, however, the facility reserves the right to establish additional guidelines as needed to ensure the safety of visitations and daily operations.

Policy:

Communication

1. The facilities policy for visitation will be posted on our website www.uhgc.org and available at the screening desk.

Visiting Hours

1. Visitors no longer need to schedule their visits, limit the length of time, or number of visitors.
2. Our suggested visiting hours are from 10am-7pm daily.
3. We respectfully request families do not visit during mealtimes; 9:00am-10:00am, 12:00pm-1:30pm and 5:00pm-6:00pm.
4. We respectfully request only 2 visitors permitted per time in a resident room.

Visitors Testing & Vaccination

1. All nursing home visitors [including children] must present at the time of the visit, a negative SARS-CoV-2 test result performed one day prior to visitation for antigen [Rapid] tests and two days prior to visitation for NAAT [PCR] tests.
2. If a visitor is using a home/rapid test, they must bring either a picture of the negative result or the actual test cartridge with them to be shown upon the Screening process.
3. For visitors who visit for multiple days, including a visitor who comes every day, proof of negative testing is required as often as feasible, at a minimum every third day.
4. Rapid test kits may be distributed to families based off facility supply, and priority will be given to those visitors who do not present a negative test. If the facility cannot provide the rapid antigen test, then the visit must occur without a test being performed if the visitor(s) does not report COVID-19 symptoms or meet the criteria for quarantine.
5. United Hebrew will ask all visitors if they are vaccinated but will not require visitors to be vaccinated. All visitors are encouraged to receive the booster.
6. Exemptions from the testing requirement; EMS personnel, Hospice personnel visiting residents receiving contracted hospice services, compassionate visits who are visiting in anticipation of the end of a resident's life or in the instance of a significant mental, physical, or social decline or crisis of a resident, Ombudsman will have immediate access to any resident

Visitation Protocols

1. All visitors will be required to sign in and wear a visitor ID badge.

2. Visitors will be screened for temperature [must be below 99.6 F] signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and visitation will be denied if the individual(s) exhibits any COVID-19 symptoms or do not pass the screening questions.
3. Visitors must always wear the mask provided by the facility [covering the nose and mouth], including in room and outdoor visitation.
4. United Hebrew will provide alcohol-based hand rub, consisting of at least 60% alcohol, to residents, visitors, and representatives of the long-term care ombudsman prior to visiting the residents. To use, rub hands together using friction for 20 seconds.
5. No pets allowed on the units, except for Certified Service Animals. Pets will need to be cleared by the facility prior to entry. Call Recreation for more information.
6. Visitors who have positive viral test for COVID-19, symptoms of COVID-19, or currently meet the criteria for quarantine should not enter the facility, and facilities should screen all visitors for these exclusions.

Location of Visits

1. Visitors are allowed to have visits in resident rooms, courtyard, and on the first floor only.
2. Visitors are prohibited from common areas, resident dining rooms, rehabilitation space, recreation space.
3. If a visitor would like to bring a resident downstairs, to the first floor and courtyard area, they must advise the unit prior to doing so.
4. Visitors should be always mindful of social distancing and must distance from facility personnel and other residents that are not directly associated with their visit.
5. If a resident's roommate is unvaccinated or immunocompromised (regardless of vaccination status), visits should not be conducted in the resident's room, if possible.
6. If a resident is receiving care, visitors will be asked to wait in the hallway to respect residents' privacy.

Indoor Visitation During an Outbreak Investigation

1. While it is safer for visitors not to enter the facility during an outbreak investigation, visitors must still be allowed in the facility. Visitors should be made aware of the potential risk of visiting during an outbreak investigation and adhere to the core principles of infection prevention.
2. Residents with confirmed COVID-19 infection or on isolation, whether vaccinated or unvaccinated will not have visitation until they have met the criteria to discontinue transmission-based precautions (TBP).

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