

**Harrison Senior Living  
Policy and Procedure  
Personal Care  
COVID-19 Visitation Policy**

**Revised Effective Date: Monday, March 22, 2021**

**Policy:**

It is the policy of Harrison House of Chester County to follow the below procedure for indoor/outdoor visitation for residents in accordance with the revised CMS guidelines date 3/10/2021.

**Purpose:**

To allow visitation to residents in the personal care setting.

**Procedure:**

1. All visitors are to enter and exit from the main entrance.
2. Weather permitting, outdoor visitations are preferred due to increased space and airflow. Outdoor visits should be held whenever practicable in the courtyard located off the 1<sup>st</sup> floor exit.
3. Hours of visitation will be as follows:  
**SUNDAY THU SATURDAY (7 days a week)**  
**TIME: 8:30 AM TO 7:30 PM**
  - a. Each resident can have up to two (2) visitors at a time. Children are included in this number. Adult visitors must be able to manage children, and children older than two years of age must wear a face mask during the visit and maintain social distancing practices.
4. Length of visitation is up to one (1) hour.
5. During indoor visitation visitor's movement in the facility is limited to resident's apartment. Visitors should go directly to resident's apartment and may not walk around different halls of the facility. Please keep apartment door closed during visit.
6. The facility will continue to adhere to certain **core principles and best practices** that help reduce the risk of Covid 19 transmission:
  - a. Screening of all who enter the facility for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 (e.g., temperature checks, questions *about and* observations of signs or symptoms), and denial of entry of those with signs or symptoms or those who have had close contact with someone with COVID-19 infection in the prior 14 days (regardless of the visitor's vaccination status) Refusal to participate in the screening process or refusal to adhere to social distancing and universal masking requirements will result in the visitor being prohibited to visit.

- - Hand hygiene (use of alcohol-based hand rub is preferred)
  - Face covering or mask (covering mouth and nose)
  - Social distancing at least six feet between persons
  - Instructional signage throughout the facility and proper visitor education on COVID-19 signs and symptoms, infection control precautions, other applicable facility practices (e.g., use of face covering or mask, specified entries, exits and routes to designated areas, hand hygiene)
  - Cleaning and disinfecting high frequency touched surfaces in the facility often
  - Appropriate staff use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
  - Resident and staff testing conducted as required at 42 CFR § 483.80(h)
7. The facility will allow indoor visits regardless of vaccination status except for a few circumstances when visitation is limited due to high risk of Covid 19 transmission (note: compassionate care visits are always permitted). These scenarios include limiting indoor visitations for:
- Unvaccinated residents, if the county positivity rate is >10% and <70% of residents in the facility are fully vaccinated.
  - Residents with confirmed Covid 19 infection, whether vaccinated or unvaccinated until they have met the criteria to discontinue transmission Based Precautions or
  - Residents in quarantine, whether vaccinated or unvaccinated until they have met criteria for release from quarantine.

### **Indoor Visitation during an Outbreak**

An outbreak exists when a new Covid -19 occurs (i.e., a new COVID-19 case among residents or staff). This guidance is intended to describe how visitation can still occur when there is an outbreak, but there is evidence that the transmission of COVID-19 is contained to a single area (e.g., wing) of the facility. To swiftly detect cases, the facility will adhere to CMS regulations and guidance for COVID-19 testing, including routine staff testing, testing of individuals with symptoms, and outbreak testing.

When a new case of COVID-19 among residents or staff is identified, the facility will immediately begin outbreak testing and suspend all visitation (except that required under federal disability rights law), until at least one round of facility-wide testing is completed. Visitation can resume based on the following criteria:

- If the first round of outbreak testing reveals **no additional COVID-19 cases in other areas (e.g., wings) of the facility**, then visitation can resume for residents in areas/units with no COVID-19 cases. However, the facility will suspend visitation on the affected unit until the facility meets the criteria to discontinue outbreak testing.<sup>3</sup>
  - o for example, if the first round of outbreak testing reveals two more COVID-19 cases in the same unit as the original case, but not in other units, visitation can resume for residents in areas/units with no COVID-19 cases.

- If the first round of outbreak testing **reveals one or more additional COVID-19 cases in other areas/units of the facility** (e.g., new cases in two or more units), then the facility will suspend visitation for all residents (vaccinated and unvaccinated), until the facility meets the criteria to discontinue outbreak testing.

If subsequent rounds of outbreak testing identify **one or more additional COVID-19 cases in other areas/units of the facility**, then the facility will suspend visitation for all residents (vaccinated and unvaccinated), until the facility meets the criteria to discontinue outbreak testing