

## Visitors

**Follow CDC, state, and local health department guidelines.**

### **General Practices:**

1. All persons entering the community must be screened for signs and symptoms or possible exposure to COVID-19. Use the visitor screening form.
2. All visitors must follow the mask/face covering policy outlined in this plan.
3. All visitors must comply with any state or local health department requirements related to vaccination and/or testing.
4. Post appropriate signage informing people of your visitation policy and reminding them not to visit if they have symptoms of respiratory illness.
5. Ensure hand sanitizer is readily available at entrances.
6. When in-person visits are paused use technology to help family members communicate with residents. This can include telephone, video conferences, or mobile devices (e.g., Facetime).
7. Residents should always be allowed to have family and friends visit. During an outbreak these visits may be restricted to designated outdoor or indoor visiting areas, or in the resident's apartment. These visits should only be suspended when directed by the state licensing agency or health department.
8. Visitors are allowed in common areas unless restricted due to an outbreak or specifically restricted by your state licensing agency or health department.
9. Contact between the resident and the visitors is allowed.

10. When both the visitor and resident are fully vaccinated, they may choose to not wear a mask while in the apartment or designated visiting area.
11. Visitors should be able to adhere to COVID policies and staff should provide monitoring for those who may have difficulty adhering to core principles, such as children. A short training video is available for educating visitors:  
<https://vimeo.com/463909405/a152d8cf6f>
12. Essential visits should never be suspended. These include home health, hospice, physical therapy, end of life, compassionate care, and other medically necessary visitors.

## **Screening of Residents, Staff, and Visitors**

1. All persons entering the community should be screened for signs and symptoms or possible exposure to COVID-19. A recommended screening form is provided on the following page.
2. Screening should include taking the temperature of each person being screened.
  - a. Temperatures should be taken using a reliable touchless thermometer. If one is not available and an ear or other thermometer must be used, use an appropriate probe cover and disinfect according to manufacturer instructions. Avoid using an oral thermometer.
  - b. Supportive staff (e.g., concierge or receptionist) should be trained in the proper technique for taking a temperature, the use of the specific device, and infection control procedures.
3. Existing residents should be monitored/screened for signs and symptoms at least once per day, including taking temperatures.
  - a. Fully vaccinated residents may be exempt from daily screening. These residents should be educated/encouraged to perform daily self-checks and report if they are feeling sick or have a fever. These residents should also be screened anytime they return to the community from an outing.
4. All visitors should be screened each day they are in the community.
5. Screening of staff should be at the start of every shift.
6. Recently vaccinated:
  - a. Persons who have received COVID-19 vaccination, may display systemic signs and symptoms (fever, fatigue, chills, body aches) within three days of vaccination. Because these signs and symptoms can be difficult to distinguish from signs and symptoms of COVID-19, additional screening measures are needed to avoid unnecessary isolation or removal from work.

- b. Per the CDC individuals who meet the following criteria do not require quarantine or testing and may be allowed to work:
  - i. Feel well and are willing to work (staff)
  - ii. Do not have a fever
  - iii. Do not have cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, or change in smell or taste)
  - iv. Any other vaccine related systemic symptoms (fatigue, headache) must show improvement within two days.
- c. Individuals with fever within three days of vaccination should, ideally, be quarantined and/or excluded from work pending further evaluation, including testing for COVID-19.
- d. Local symptoms, such as pain, swelling, or redness at the injection site, are not consistent with COVID-19 and should not prompt quarantine or restriction from work.
- e. If you are unsure if signs and symptoms are COVID-19 related, the individual can be tested, and per the CDC a rapid antigen test can be used if available.



## COVID-19 Screening

Community	Name	Date	Time

For the safety and wellbeing of our residents, if the answer to any of the following are yes, please speak with the Executive Director or supervisor. If you have been vaccinated in the past 72 hours you may experience short term side effects that resemble COVID-19 but do not prevent you from entering the community. Our Executive Director or designee will help make this determination. Thank you.

Unvaccinated or Vaccinated but Not Up to Date		
	YES	NO
Do you have a fever? (Body temp must be measured by community personnel)		
Do you have symptoms of COVID-19 or other respiratory illness?		
Have you traveled to/from an area where travel restrictions are in place in the last 10 days?		
Have you been exposed to anyone with COVID-19 within the last 10 days?		
Are you awaiting test results for COVID-19?		

Fully Vaccinated and Up to Date		
	YES	NO
Do you have a fever? (Body temp must be measured by community personnel)		
Do you have symptoms of COVID-19 or other respiratory illness?		
Are you awaiting test results for COVID-19?		

<b>Symptoms of COVID-19 Include:</b>			
Fever or chills	Muscle or body aches	Cough	Shortness of breath
Congestion	Fatigue	Sore throat	Runny nose
Headache	Diarrhea	Nausea or vomiting	New loss of taste or smell

## COVID-19 Screening Log

Resident	Apartment

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