



Use of Facial Coverings

This facility is required by Florida Statute 408.824 to post a policy for the use of facial coverings in the Community. The policy includes procedures for Residents, Staff and Visitors as well as procedures for opting out of facial coverings under certain conditions.

Policy

Residents

1. The facility requires Residents to wear a facial covering when the resident is in a common area and is exhibiting signs or symptoms of or has a diagnosed infectious disease that can be spread through droplet or airborne transmission.
2. The resident may opt out of wearing a face covering if the resident remains socially distant from others in an area of adequate ventilation or the resident is outdoors and remains social distant (at least six feet) away from others.
3. Pursuant to the Florida Patient Bill of Rights and Responsibilities (Section 381.026 FS), the Resident is responsible for:
 - a. Providing to the facility, to the best of his or her knowledge, accurate and complete information about present complaints, past illnesses, hospitalizations, medications, and other matters relating to his or her health and for reporting unexpected changes in his or her condition to the facility.
 - b. Following the treatment plan recommended by the health care provider.
 - c. His or her actions if he or she refuses treatment or does not follow the health care provider's instructions.
 - d. Following health care facility rules and regulations affecting patient care and conduct.
4. Pursuant to the Florida Patient Bill of Rights and Responsibilities (Section 381.026 FS), the resident has the right to:
 - a. Have their individual dignity respected.
 - b. File a complaint with the appropriate agencies. The facility posts a complaints poster in the common area and is included in the admission packet.

Visitors

5. The facility shall require Visitors to wear a facility covering when the visitor is:
 - a. Exhibiting signs or symptoms of or has a diagnosed infectious disease that can be spread through droplet or airborne transmission.
 - b. Visiting in the room with a resident who is exhibiting signs or symptoms of or has a diagnosed infectious disease that can be spread through droplet or airborne transmission.



- c. Visiting a resident whose treating practitioner has diagnosed the resident with or confirmed a condition affecting the immune system in a manner which is known to increase risk of transmission of an infection from employees without signs or symptoms of infection to a patient whose treating practitioner has determined that the use of facial coverings is necessary for the resident's safety.
- d. The visitor may opt-out of wearing a facility covering if an alternative method of infection control is available such as adequate social distancing (at least six feet apart) in an area with good ventilation or taking advantage of outdoor visitation while observing social distancing.

Staff

6. The facility shall require Staff to wear a facial covering when the staff is:
 - a. Exhibiting signs or symptoms of or has been diagnosed with an infectious disease that can be spread through droplet or airborne transmission.
 - b. In a sterile area or an area where sterile procedures are being performed.
 - c. Providing care in a resident or clinical room with a resident who is exhibiting signs or symptoms of or has a diagnosed infectious disease that can be spread through droplet or airborne transmission.
 - d. Staff is visiting a resident who has been determined to have a compromised immune system increasing their risk of infection or whose practitioner has determined a mask is necessary for the resident's safety.
7. Staff may opt out of wearing a facial covering unless they are:
 - a. Conducting a sterile procedure
 - b. Working in a sterile area
 - c. Working with a resident who has been determined to have a compromised immune system increasing their risk of infection or whose practitioner has determined a mask is necessary for the resident's safety.
 - d. Working with a resident on droplet or airborne precautions.
 - e. Engaging in non-clinical potentially hazardous activities that require facial coverings to prevent physical injury or harm in accordance with industry standards.

Notifications

8. The facility posts a complaint reporting notification poster in the common area and provides complaint reporting information in the admission packet.