

REFORMED CHURCH HOME

COVID-19 INDOOR SKILLED NURSING VISITATION POLICY

Policy: It is the policy of the Reformed Church Home to allow outdoor and indoor visitation in accordance with the CDC guidance and CMS regulations. Visits are allowed at all times, however conducted in alignment to certain core principles of COVID-19 infection prevention must be followed.

Core Principles of COVID-19 Infection Prevention

- a) Visitors who have a positive viral test for COVID-19, symptoms of COVID-19, or currently meet the criteria for quarantine, should not enter the facility. Facilities should screen all who enter for these visitation exclusions.
- b) Hand hygiene (use of alcohol-based hand rub is preferred)
- c) Face covering or mask (covering mouth and nose mandatory)
- d) Social distancing at least six feet between persons
- e) 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 visitation areas after each visit)
- f) Appropriate staff use of PPE
- g) Effective cohorting of residents (e.g., separate areas dedicated to COVID-19 care)
- h) Resident and staff testing conducted as required

Procedure:

- a) Indoor visits are allowed for residents, regardless of their vaccination status, unless the resident is on quarantine/isolation and is limited if an outbreak occurs in the facility.
- b) Screening of all who enter RCH for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 to include temperature checks and questions about and observations of signs and symptoms or those who have had close contact with someone with COVID-19 infection in the prior 14 days.
- b) Indoor visitation at all times.
- c) Monitoring/ Tracking of Covid Cases in the Community.

d) Reformed Church Home will honor each resident's right to have and choose visitors and to make preferences. The activity staff will meet with each resident to determine who the resident wishes to visit with in-person. During these visits, the activities staff will explain to the resident how visitation will work and what the resident can expect.

e) The visitation policy will be provided to residents, resident's visitors, staff and others, as needed in writing, via the email chain used to convey COVID-19 information and policy changes.

** Outdoor spaces are available in the front of the building and in the garden for scheduled visits, dependent upon the weather.

g) Visitors will be provided with the visitation guidelines upon check in as well as information about the risks and dangers associated with COVID-19. Each visitor and resident will be required to sign an informed consent form acknowledging they have received and agree to follow the guidelines.

h) Visitors will be strongly encouraged to be up to date with the COVID vaccine and the annual flu shot.

i) Visitors are also required to complete a screening questionnaire upon arrival and have their temperature taken. Any visitor who has symptoms of any infectious disease or has had close contact with someone with COVID-19 in the previous 14 days or a temperature of 100.4 degrees or above will not be permitted to visit with the resident.

m) If mask are required due to an outbreak or required per facility's discretion, visitors and residents must wear a face covering (surgical mask if supply is available); and visitors must wear a tight-fitting face covering or mask for the duration of the visit.

k) If mask are required due to an outbreak or required per facility's discretion, visitors are advised to refrain from eating or drinking during the visits.

m) The Public Restrooms on the first floor lobby will be available to visitors. Visitors should refrain from using the resident's bathroom.