

Margaret Tietz Nursing and Rehabilitation Center COVID-19 Visitation Fact Sheet

NYS Department of Health issued a Health Advisory on March 25, 2021, advising visitation may be expanded, beginning March 25, 2021, as long as there are certain core principles and best practices that reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission including, but not limited to:

1. Visiting shall be:
 - Daily from 10:30-11:00 AM, 11:15-11:45 AM and 2:00-2:30 PM by appointment only
 - Limited to 30 minutes
 - Limited to outdoor areas (weather permitting) except under certain limited circumstances (see #6 below)
 - Limited to family members, loved ones, and representatives from the long-term care ombudsman program (LTCOP) and resident advocacy organizations
 - Strictly prohibited on resident floors, resident rooms and care areas
 - Limited to two (2) visitors per resident per day
2. Given the continued risk of COVID-19 transmission, the NYS Department of Health continues to emphasize the importance of maintaining infection prevention practices and strongly encourages that the facility continues to request, or test, ALL visitors to help reduce any such risk of COVID-19 transmission.
3. Visitors must wear a face mask or face covering that covers the nose and mouth when on the premises.
4. Residents, visitors, representatives of the long-term care ombudsman and resident advocacy organizations (collectively "Visitors") will be required to appropriately use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer, consisting of at least 60 percent (60%) alcohol, provided by the Facility, prior to visiting the residents.
5. Visitors must maintain social distancing, except when assisting with wheelchair mobility.
6. Outdoor visitation is preferred even when the resident and visitor are fully vaccinated* against COVID-19
7. Under certain limited circumstances, as determined by the Facility, visitation may be permitted inside, in a well-ventilated space, who are appropriately socially distanced and wearing a facemask or face covering while in the presence of others so as long as the COVID-19 county positivity rate is less than ten percent (10%).
8. The Facility will screen Visitors for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 prior to resident access and will prohibit Visitor(s) exhibiting any COVID-19 symptoms or that do not pass the screening questions.

*Fully vaccinated refers to a person who is ≥ 2 weeks following receipt of the second dose in a 2-dose series, or ≥ 2 weeks following receipt of one dose of a single-dose vaccine, per the CDC's Public Health Recommendations for Vaccinated Persons.

9. Screening shall consist of both temperature checks and asking screening questions to assess potential exposure to COVID-19 which shall include questions regarding international travel or travel to restricted states designated under the [Commissioner's COVID-19 Travel Advisory \(https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-travel-advisory\)](https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-travel-advisory). Please note that if you have visited any of the Restricted States or have travelled internationally within the last fourteen (14) days, visitation will **NOT** be permitted.
 - a. The following information must be provided for each visitor: first and last name of the visitor; physical (street) address of the visitor; daytime and evening telephone number; date and time of visit; and email address, if available. To expedite the screening process and schedule your visit, please visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10COD4DAEA82CA6FDC34-resident1>.
10. Visitors under the age of 18 years old MUST be accompanied by an adult 18 years of age or older.
11. Current COVID 19 positive residents, residents with COVID 19 signs or symptoms, and residents in a 14-day quarantine or observation period remain ineligible for in person visits.
 - a. Residents who are on transmission-based precautions for COVID-19 should only receive visits that are virtual or through windows
12. A copy of the Facility's formal visitation plan is posted on the website.
13. The staff is required to monitor the visitation process. In accordance with the NYSDOH March 23, 2021 Health Advisory, if any visitor fails to adhere to the Facility's visitation plan, he/she/they will be prohibited from visiting for the duration of the COVID-19 state declared public health emergency.