

SYCAMORE LIVING AT EAST HANOVER

Subject:	Designated Outdoor Visitation Space by Appointment only
Department:	NURSING
Effective:	June 21,2020
Revised:	Approved:

POLICY:

It is the policy of Sycamore Living at East Hanover to allow in – person visitation in designated outdoor visitation space, provided that the Community implements all the following safety, care and infection prevention and control measures.

PROCEDURE:

1. Community may start scheduling appointments on the effective date of this Executive Directive and will start on June 21, 2020
2. A resident who is suspected or confirmed to be infected with COVID -19; or quarantined for an exposure to a COVID – 19 case cannot be visited except for an end of life situation. A resident who has diagnosed with COVID – 19 may be visited only after they have met the criteria for discontinuation of isolation as defined in guidance from NJDOH and CDC.
3. The Community will honor each resident's rights to have and choose visitors and to make preferences. The Community should consult every resident to determine who the resident would wish to visit with in person. These consultations also serve as a personalized communication with the resident to explain how visitation will work and what the resident can expect.
4. A clear communication of the visitation policy should be provided to residents, resident's visitors, staff and others, as needed in writing, via the methods the Community uses to convey information or policy changes in Spanish and English.
5. The community establish a designated area located at the back patio. Visitors are to be screened, social distancing and infection control

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standards will be observed (proper hand washing technique/hand sanitizing and wearing of masks for residents and visitors)

6. Community will limit 4 visitors and for 30 minutes only from 2pm to 3pm.
7. The Community will provide the visiting area with accommodations for those with mobility needs and designated seating for visitors. The Community will also provide reasonable accommodations for any resident with a disability, such as hearing, vision, or cognitive impairments, and assist any resident with transport using adaptive equipment
8. The visitors will be screened for infectious communicable diseases, including COVID- 19 symptoms. Any visitors with symptoms of COVID-19 (subjective or objective fever equal to or greater than 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or as further restricted by the Community policy, chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty of breathing, sore throat, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, or diarrhea).will **not** be permitted to visit the resident.
9. Transporting of the resident to designated outdoor visitation space must be safe and orderly. Resident can **not** be transported through the space designated as COVID- 19 care space where residents suspected or confirmed to be infected with COVID-19 are present while distancing 6 ft is being observed.
10. **A staff member will be present during resident's visit.**
11. Each resident is limited to no more than 4 visitors at a time. The visitor will remain at least 6 feet from the resident and attending staff member at all time during visit.
12. Staff must wear a facemask: residents must wear a face covering and visitor must wear a face covering or a mask for the duration of the visit. Visits with a resident in a designated outdoor space must be scheduled in advance and are dependent on permissible weather conditions, availability of outdoor space, to meet resident care needs, as well as the health and well-being of the residents. Community should provide appropriate protection from the weather. Visits may be cancelled because of inclement or unsafe weather conditions (e.g. high humidity /heat, poor air quality).
13. The visit will be limited to 30 minutes to each resident.

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14. At the conclusion of the visit the resident will be transported back to their room by the Community staff member.
15. The Community must receive informed consent from the visitor and certification in writing that they are aware of the possible dangers of exposure of COVID-19 for both the residents and the visitor and that they will follow the rules set by the facility in regard to outdoor visitation. **The community must receive a signed statement from each visitor and resident** (if the resident is unable to consent then the consent needs to be signed by the authorized representative) with a copy provided to the visitor and resident, that they are aware of the risk of exposure to COVID -19 during the visit, that they will strictly comply with the Community policies during outdoor visitation, and the visitor will notify the Community if they test positive for COVID-19 or exhibit symptoms of COVID-19 within 14 days of the visit.