

Visitation Guideline – COVID-19

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Recognizing the need to support the social-emotional needs of those we serve through the COVID-19 pandemic, and given revised guidance (CMS QSO-20-39) released on 11/12/2021, Bethany Home Association of Lindsborg, KS will implement a Visitation Guideline as follows:

- Visits will occur only in private resident rooms or designated location; visitors will avoid unnecessary contact in common use areas.
- If the McPherson County level of community transmission is substantial to high, regardless of vaccination status, all visitors and residents should wear masks for the duration of the visit. Physical distancing of 6 feet between people is also recommended.
- Visitation may occur at any time; an appointment is not required.
- Staff may escort visitors to the resident's room and to the appropriate exit door once a visit is complete. If a staff member is not available, we ask that visitors go directly to and from the resident's room.

Core Principles of COVID-19 Infection Prevention for Visitors (Published by CMS and KDHE.)

- **Screening of all who enter the facility for signs and symptoms of COVID-19** (e.g., temperature checks, questions about and observations of signs or symptoms), and denial of entry of those who have a positive viral test for COVID-19, signs or symptoms of COVID-19, or those who meet the criteria for quarantine.
- **Appropriate hand hygiene (use of alcohol-based hand rub is preferred)**
- **Wearing Face covering or mask (covering mouth and nose)** when practicable
- Physical distancing of at **least six feet between persons**

Considerations:

- "Compassionate Care Visits" will follow separate practices and will be allowed at all times.
- Outdoor Visitation with masks and 6' social distancing is considered the safest visitation option.
- If there is an outbreak investigation, visitors will be made aware of the potential risks, but visitation will still be allowed while following the core principles of infection prevention.
- If feasible and the McPherson County level of community transmission is substantial to high, testing will be available to visitors. If supplies are limited, visitors are encouraged to be tested on their own within 2-3 days of visiting.