

## BAY VILLAGE OF SARASOTA, INC. POLICY AND PROCEDURE

CATEGORY: Health Care Services SUBJECT: Family Visitation

Policy: To define guidelines for resident visits during COVID-19

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Residents in Assisted Living and Skilled Nursing are able to have visitors under the following guidelines: Visitors (general or essential) are permitted visits at any time without appointment. Outdoor visits are recommended but not required.

## Types of visitors:

- 1.) Essential Caregivers/Compassionate Caregivers—visitors who provide services and/or assistance with activities of daily living to help maintain or improve the quality of care or quality of life for a resident and may include assistance with bathing, dressing, and eating and/or emotional support to help a resident deal with a difficult transition or loss, upsetting event, or end-of-life.
  - a.) Face mask is recommended during visit and required in common areas.
  - b.) Social distancing is not required with resident but should be maintained in common areas.
  - c.) If roommate is not vaccinated, visit should take place outside the room.
- 2.) General Visitors—individuals other than essential caregivers or compassionate care visitors.
  - a.) Face mask is recommended during visit and required in common areas.
  - b.) Social distancing is not required with resident but should be maintained in common areas.
  - c.) If roommate is not vaccinated, visit should take place outside the room.

All visitors will be screened for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 prior to accessing resident areas.

Education regarding the proper use of PPE and facility protocols is available to all visitors. Visitors who do not comply with infection control and visitation protocols will be re-educated on the proper procedures and asked to leave the premises if they continue with non-compliance.

All visitors must inform the facility immediately if they develop a fever or symptoms of COVID-19, or test positive for COVID-19 within 14 days of a visit to the facility.

Prospective residents and their families are permitted to tour the units and they must comply with the requirements for general visitors.