



To Our McHarrie Life Community:

We are pleased to inform you that the New York State Department of Health (DOH) as modified their directive banning visitation to nursing homes and assisted living residences, to allow for the resumption of limited in-person visits between residents and their families, under specific rules and guidelines.

Our plan to resume limited visitation includes provisions and DOH guidelines that seek to ensure the health and safety of everyone (residents, staff and visitors) and must always be followed. Our visitation safety plan is on file with New York State and as per the DOH, our ability to allow limited visitation is predicated on the *continued absence* of a COVID diagnosis in any of our residents or staff.

Enclosed, is a copy of our visitation plan. Everyone will be required to adhere to all conditions. This visitation plan is subject to change. As per DOH directive, if any visitor fails to adhere to the protocols, they will be prohibited from visiting for the duration of the COVID state declared public health emergency.

As you may expect, visits will be conducted differently during this period. All visits will be scheduled in advance and will be subject to several provisions. This includes a limit of 2 visitors per resident at any one time; visits will take place outdoors or indoors; all visitors must complete a health screen; present a verified negative COVID test result within the last week (7 days), and staff will have to monitor to ensure safety guidelines are being followed.

Visits can only be conducted as scheduled – there will be no exceptions. Please note that all other options to stay connected will continue (telephone, facetime, etc.)

If our ability to continue with visitation changes, we will notify you.

Thank you and we look forward to welcoming families back onto our campus.

Sincerely,

Mark Murphy
CEO

Inside Visitation Safety Plan/Fact Sheet

1. Scheduled inside visits will be held Monday thru Friday.
2. Visits will be up to 30 minutes in duration with 15 minutes in between visits for cleaning and sanitation. Only two family members per resident will be permitted per visit. Any visitors under the age of 18 must be accompanied by someone over the age of 18.
3. A staff member will be monitoring all visits to maintain the health and safety of the individual resident and our resident population in general.
4. In order to accommodate all the residents and families, visits will be scheduled at the present time *once* weekly.
5. All visitors will need to adhere to the following health screening and visitation guidelines:
 - a. Have their temperature taken and the temperature must be less than 100 degrees
 - b. Sign an attestation that they:
 - i. Are not experiencing two or more of these symptoms: Fever, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle or body aches, headaches, sore throat or new loss of taste or smell, fatigue, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting or diarrhea.
 - ii. Are not experiencing or have signs or symptoms of a respiratory infection such as shortness of breath, difficulty breathing or new or change in cough.
 - iii. Have not travelled internationally in the past 14 days nor have I travelled to other states designated under the NYS Commissioner of Health's travel advisory.
 - c. Sanitize their hands upon arrival, before the visit.
 - d. Wear a mask at all times.
 - e. Resident will be required to wear a mask unless it is medically advised not to.
 - f. Always maintain social distancing of a minimum of 6 feet. This means that, unfortunately, you will not be able to touch, hug or pass items to your loved one.
 - g. Must present a verified negative COVID test result within the last week (7 days)
6. Visitors should arrive no more than 10 minutes prior to your visit to allow for time for screening. Please park in the lot at the front entrance and screening will occur at the front entrance. Once successfully screened you will be advised where to go for the visit. If you arrive late, you will still need to be screened and the visit will end as initially scheduled.
7. The suspension of visits due to weather, the resident not feeling well etc. will be at our discretion. If you have any questions on whether or not the visits will occur, please call 315.638.2521 in advance.
8. As per New York State Department of Health directive, any visitor that fails to adhere to the protocols will be prohibited from visiting for the duration of the COVID-19 state declared public health emergency.
9. This visitation safety plan is on file with New York State and as per the Department of Health. The continued ability to have these visits are predicted on the continued absence of COVID-19 diagnoses reported in any of our staff or residents.
10. This Visitation Safety Plan is subject to change.