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To All Family Members & Friends of Sancta Maria Residents & Patients

On Friday March 12, 2021 the Massachusetts Department of Public Health released new guidance on family and friend visitations in Nursing Homes throughout the State. While it is certainly not a complete return to the “good ole days” of wide open, come-as-you-will visitations, it is certainly a first, and very bold step in the right direction, that provides unscheduled, private time with your friends and loved ones in the privacy of their own room, assuming certain conditions are met.

Sancta Maria now offers 3 different types of visitation programs – scheduled/supervised visits; online virtual visits; and now live in-room visits. In these 2 pages, we attempted to organize the conditions that must be met for your visitation.

For **ALL** visitors - - -

1. You must enter the building prior to 6:00PM and after 7:00AM, as exterior doors will be secured otherwise. Once in the building, we are encouraging all of our visitors to respect the wishes of the many other residents and patients, and consider exiting your visiting hours no later than 8:00PM
2. Please enter only through the side door/blue canopy marked “Door # 1”. The original main lobby with the circular driveway has been closed since the Pandemic onset and remains so.
3. Stop at the Security desk. You will - - -
 - a. Have your temperature checked (if your temperature is above 100 degrees, or if there are positive signs and symptoms of Covid19, you will not be allowed to proceed)
 - b. Answer some screening questions.
 - c. Complete the Visitor Intake form.
 - d. Be required to don a mask covering mouth and nose throughout your entire stay.
 - e. Respect the 6’ of Social Distancing throughout the building.
 - f. Have more than 2 visitors at a time per resident/patient.
4. Resident/patient you are visiting must be donning a mask covering their mouth and nose.
5. Visitations will not be allowed for those residents/patients who are confirmed or suspected positive with Covid19.



NOT Vaccinated visitor and/or **NOT** vaccinated Resident or Patient - - -

1. In-room visits will not be allowed. However, in-person supervised and pre-scheduled visits and/or virtual visits remain in place.
2. Call Sister Theresa at ext 2105 in advance to schedule your appointment.
3. Visits are limited to 45 minutes, and may be limited to one visit per week.
4. Late arrivals will not justify an extension of the previously reserved time slot.
5. Reservations may be given on a first come, first served basis.
6. Visits may be supervised by a qualified Caregiver.
7. Visitors and the resident/patient will be escorted to a special reserved area of the building.
8. Visitors **MUST** maintain 6 feet of social distancing at **all times** while in the building.
9. No eating or drinking while visiting with the resident/patient.

FULLY vaccinated visitor **AND** fully vaccinated Resident or Patient - - -

1. Private in-room visitations will be permitted.
2. No appointment is necessary.
3. For the comfort and convenience of all of our residents and patients, our preferred visiting hours are 8:00AM to 8:00PM.
4. The preferred length of visit should not exceed one hour. All visitor must be in the building by 6:00PM as exterior doors will be secured thereafter.
5. Fully vaccinated refers to 14 days post the second inoculation of the Pfizer and Moderna vaccinations; or 14 days post the first inoculation of the Johnson and Johnson vaccination.
6. Both visitor **AND** resident/patient must be fully vaccinated.
7. The **roommate** of the visited resident/patient must be fully vaccinated.
 - a. In the event of the roommate not being fully vaccinated, the visit may at the option of the facility be relocated to a secure area such as a dining room; library; etc.
8. Visitor must pursue a **direct path** to the resident/patient room and not - - -
 - a. Stop or pause along the way.
 - b. Visit or talk with other patients or residents.
 - c. Visit restrooms, kitchenettes, vending machines or other common areas.
9. While in-room visitations are private, it is strongly encouraged that visitors and residents/patients remain socially distanced & refrain from hugs, kisses, sharing food, etc..

For additional questions on our new visitation guidelines please reach out to the following: Tom at ext 2100; Sister Theresa ext 2105; or Georgia at ext 2103.

Thank you,
Thomas Gomes
Executive Administrator