

**Sagepoint Senior Living Services
Nursing Procedure Manual**

SUBJECT: Outdoor Visitation during SARS-CoV-2 Pandemic **EFFECTIVE DATE:**
8/14/20

POLICY: It is the intent of this policy to promote outdoor visitation during the COVID-19 pandemic. This is an interim policy and subject to change without advance notification.

PURPOSE: The purpose is to include efforts to maintain rigorous infection prevention and control, as well as enhance resident social engagements and quality of life.

PROCEDURE:

1. This policy will be required to be signed by all visitors
2. Outdoor Visitation is subject to change due to SARS-CoV-2 detection in the building, weather, and/or changes in MDH or CDC guidance.
3. Outdoor Visits will be scheduled through the Activities Department and will be limited to 30 minutes. Only one outdoor visit per resident per week will be allowed. A Sagepoint staff member will be present during the visit at all times to ensure resident safety and appropriate adherence to restrictions.
4. There will be two simultaneous visits allowed at one time, socially distanced by at least 6 feet.
5. Residents in observation status and/or displaying symptoms of COVID-19 are not allowed to participate in outdoor visits.
6. Visitors will be screened for symptoms and not permitted to visit, even outdoors, if symptomatic. The Visitor will answer the Non-Employee Screening form and provide symptom surveillance documentation via the form, including temperature, current symptoms, recent exposure to SARS-CoV-2 and recent travel history. Visitors will provide contact information to allow for contact tracing via the Health Department if necessary. Sagepoint reserves the right to deny access to any visitor deemed a risk at any time. This screening process will take place outside the building and PRIOR to any resident contact.
7. Only 2 visitors are allowed per resident per visit. All visitors shall be over the age of 13.
8. Visitors and residents wear a face covering at all times. If a resident is unable to maintain face coverings, the facility will manage the visits

within recommendations from the Ombudsman program and the Local Department of Health.

9. The Visitor and Resident will maintain appropriate social distancing, six feet apart. The facility will utilize additional physical barriers (outdoor plastic barriers) for visits to promote limited exposure to respiratory droplets. There will be no touching, hugging, kissing or any physical contact during the visit. No exchange of items (food, gifts, etc.) will be permitted.
10. **Failure of the visitor and/or resident to comply with safety recommendations (e.g. masking and social distancing) will have their visit ended immediately and be asked to leave.** Residents may be placed on the OBSERVATION unit for 14 days under strict Transmission-Based Precautions if appropriate distancing is not maintained. Residents and/or families that display a continued unwillingness to adherence to these policy actions could be subject to involuntary discharge proceedings.
11. At the conclusion of the visit, both the resident and the visitor will perform hand hygiene.
12. After the visit ends, the area will be wiped down with disinfectant spray/wipes by Sagepoint staff.

Policies are updated as necessary based upon clinical data, actual patient experience and best practices. While policies act as guidance for all staff, the policies are flexible in order for staff to address the specific needs of the patient.

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