

Update 03/11/2021

New Visitation Guidelines from Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services

As we approach the one year mark since CMS imposed strict lockdown of nursing homes, CMS issued new guidance relaxing some of the restrictions on visitation (see article [Citing Vaccine Rollout, CMS Relaxes Nursing Home Visitation Rules](#)). At Sagepoint, we applaud this decision and look forward to having our residents visit with their loved-ones again. As has been the case with the thousands of changes in guidance since the onset of the pandemic, nursing homes are awaiting the details of the new changes. As soon as we possibly can, we will communicate that to our families. As we await clarification, Sagepoint staff is working diligently to safely implement the new guidelines. We have also completed our vaccination clinics with what we believe is a much higher than average fully vaccinated rate amongst staff and residents and we continue to test staff at least twice per week.

Of all the terrible effects this virus has had on residents in nursing homes across the world, perhaps one of the cruelest has been the isolation on our seniors. Facilities like Sagepoint have been vocal advocates for permitting in-person visitation by families and calling on federal officials to provide ongoing support for vaccines and testing in residents and staff. While our staff have been real healthcare heroes throughout this last year caring for residents, entertaining them, holding their hands and smiling through masks, there is no substitute for seeing the smiling face of a family member.

As we receive more information, we will share it with families here. Our residents and staff look forward to taking this step closer to getting back to “normal”.