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SUBJECT: COVID -19 Visitations and Screening

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## **COVID 19 Visitation Policy/Screening Procedures**

**POLICY:** It is the policy of Jennie B Richmond Nursing Home to screen and monitor all visitors to our Residents prior to entering the facility.

- a) Visitations can begin on or after 9/18/2020 as long as our facility remains free of any COVID cases for 14 days consecutively.
- b) No more than 10% of the residents shall have visitors at any one time and only two visitors will be allowed per resident at one time. No visitors under the age of 18 are allowed.
- c) If our facility receives a positive case from a Resident or Staff, visitors will be suspended immediately until further notice based on New York State Department of Health guidelines.
- d) All visitors must show proof of a verified negative COVID test result within the last 7 days of visit.
- e) All outside visitation will permit two visitors per Resident; all inside visitation will permit only one visitor per Resident at a time.
- f) Residents/Visitors excluded from this policy and criteria include:
  - -Hospice Resident
  - -Resident in End of Life Care
  - -Resident has had a significant change in condition

## **PROCEDURE:**

1) Visitors must call ahead and schedule a time to visit with their loved one. Schedule for visitation hours is as follows: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:30AM to 11:30AM and again at 1:00PM to 4:00PM. Sundays we will have visiting hours from 9:30AM to Noon. All visits will be limited to 30 minutes.

2) All visitors must report to the screening area in the front entryway at Jennie B Richmond prior to and when leaving the facility for their visit.

## 3) Screening process:

- a) Visitor must be wearing a face mask that covers their nose and mouth before entering the facility.
- b) Screener must request the visitor present a verified negative COVID test result that was received within the last seven days. If visitor cannot provide proof of negative test within last seven days, they cannot enter facility. Screener will keep all verified results and give to Administrator at end of each day.
- c) Screener must have each visitor sign in on designated visitor logs where they will enter their contact information as well as answer the following questions:
  - 1) Have you experienced any shortness of breath or a cough?
  - 2) Are you currently being treated for a lung infection?
  - 3) Have you traveled outside New York State or the United States or come in contact with someone who has traveled outside the United States in the last 30 days?
- d) Take the visitor temperature and record.
- e) If visitor passes screening, they will be given a Visitor Badge to wear during their visit where they will write their name, room number of the Resident they will be visiting, and date/time.
- f) Visitors will then be shown to either the outside courtyard or main dining room for their scheduled visit depending on weather each day. Outside visits may have 2 visitors per Resident, inside visits may only have 1 visitor at a time per Resident. Main Dining room cannot have more than 10 individuals present at one time.
- g) If during the screening process the visitor has experienced SOB, persistent fever, and /or noted to have traveled outside the State or US please contact the Jennie B Richmond Director of Nursing or Administrator for further guidance.

<sup>\*</sup>If at any time a visitor refuses to follow these above mentioned policies/procedures, they will be asked to leave immediately.