

VCC Visitation Guidelines

Effective Friday, November 19, 2021.

These guidelines must be adhered to for the duration of your visit.

If any of the above guidelines are not followed you will kindly be asked to leave, as these are crucial to the success/continuation of these visits and everyone's safety.

- Outdoor visits are preferred when the resident and/or visitors are not fully vaccinated, weather permitting. These generally pose a lower risk of transmission of COVID-19. Adhere to appropriate infection control and prevention practices.
- Indoor visitations.
All visitors must follow the Core Principles of COVID-19 Infection Prevention:
 - ▶ **Face coverings or mask are required** (covering mouth and nose), in accordance with CDC and CMS guidance.
 - ▶ **When you arrive**, you will be screened prior to entry, and must sign the log book.
 - ▶ **If you are positive for COVID-19, or have symptoms of COVID-19, or currently meet the criteria for quarantine**, you will not be allowed to enter.
 - ▶ **Frequent hand hygiene is very important.** (Use of alcohol-based hand rub is preferred).
 - ▶ **Physical distancing:** People not from the same household are required to keep at least 6 feet between each other, in accordance with CDC guidance.
- After signing the screening log, go directly to the resident's room or designated visitation area.
- **Children must wear a face covering** and must stay in the resident's room.
- If a resident has a roommate, the visit should not occur in the resident's room.
- After hours, visitors will need to call security to enter the facility. You will need to sign the screening log prior to going to the resident's room.
- If Jackson County's COVID-19 transmission level is substantial to high, all residents and visitors, regardless of vaccination status, should wear face coverings or masks and physically distance, at all times.
- If Jackson County's COVID-19 transmission level is low to moderate, the safest practice is to wear face coverings or masks and social distance.
But if a resident and all their visitors are vaccinated and the resident is not moderate to severely immunocompromised, they may choose not to wear face coverings and to have physical contact.
- Residents who are on transmission-based precautions or *quarantine* can still receive visitors, **though it is not recommended.** The resident needs to wear a well-fitting facemask. Visitors need to be aware of potential risks of visiting, and precautions needed to visit the resident.
- **If a new case of COVID-19 occurs in a resident or a staff member**, the facility will immediately begin outbreak testing in accordance with CMS and CDC guidelines.
While it is safer for visitors not to enter the facility during an outbreak, visitors will still be allowed to visit. Visitors need to be aware of the risks of visiting during an outbreak, and must wear a facemask regardless of vaccination status.