



## **WCNH Visitation Plan**

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## Wayne County Nursing Home Facility Visitation Plan

Once WCNH meets federal and state guidelines and conditions, family members and loved ones of residents will be permitted to visit.

- Font doors are unlocked from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM. If persons are visiting at times before or after these hours, they will need to call our main number and ask for a nursing supervisor.
- Pets are permitted as per WCNH Pet Policy (RC 57).
- Current COVID-19 positive residents, residents with COVID-19 signs or symptoms, and residents in a 14-day quarantine or observation period remain ineligible for in-person visits.
- All surfaces will be cleaned and decontaminated with Oxivir prior to each visit and after each visit. Place the disinfectant wipe on the surface being cleansed, perform a damp wipe and allow the wet contact dwell time per manufactures instructions.

Outdoor visits will be held on the Pub, Canal Side or Garden Valley patios, weather permitting. Pavement will be marked with proper social distancing "x's" to remind individuals to stay six feet apart. Hand sanitizer and sanitation wipes will be kept at each visitation area that is not a resident room. Tables will be cleaned between visits. Signage regarding the visitation policy will be posted at the front entrance.

Indoor visitation will be held in resident, private rooms, each unit's family dining room and/or designated living area on each unit. Due to the need for residents and visitors to have a way to alert staff (ie- access to call bell) and remain in their designated location, visits will be permitted in semi-private rooms. Visitors will park in the front visitor parking lot and enter via the main entrance of the facility.

Audits will be done periodically by residential services staff to help ensure that families are adhering to the visitation guidelines.

Visitors will have the option to have a self-swab rapid Covid test, but it will not be a requirement for the visit. Any test done resulting in a positive test result will be reported to local health department officials.

A staff member will screen the visitor(s) for symptoms, take their temperature, and obtain visitor's contact information. Documentation **must** include the following for each visitor:

- i. First and last name of the visitor;
- ii. Phone number
- iii. Email address if available.

During visitation:

- 1) Visitor will be provided a mask, hand sanitizer, and cleaning wipes. They must wear a mask at all times.
- 2) Visitor will be provided information regarding visitor expectations.
- 3) Visitors must remain in their designated visitation area only and remain six feet from other residents or staff.
- 4) Residents who have been fully vaccinated for CoVid-19 may have close contact with their visitors, such as giving them a hug. Families are encouraged to assist their resident in using hand sanitizer during their visits and to encourage the resident to wear their mask.
- 5) Residents who have not been fully vaccinated against CoVid-19 shall not have close contact with their visitor as per NYS DOH guidelines and must maintain social distancing.

In the event that the facility has a staff member or resident test positive for the COVID virus, visitation will immediately be suspended following current NYS DOH guidance. Families will be notified using the RAVE system. The visitation policy will be posted on the nursing home's Facebook page and website.

**WCNH COVID-19 Visitation Screen**

RESIDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

VISITOR'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING. Our WCNH visitation guidelines are as follows:**

- Visitors will be screened for symptoms and your temperature will be taken.
- Visitors will be required to wear a mask during the entire visit.
- Visitors will be required to maintain social distance of 6 feet from other residents and staff during the entire visit.
- Residents who have been fully vaccinated for CoVid-19 may have close contact with their visitors, such as giving them a hug. However, please assist your resident in using hand sanitizer before and after your visits. Also please encourage your resident to wear their mask.
- Visitors must remain in the designated visitation area only.
- Hand sanitizer and cleaning wipes will be provided and should be used at the beginning and throughout your visit.
- If you are tested or suspected to have COVID-19 within 14 days after the visit, please notify the Administrator immediately.
- Residents who have not been fully vaccinated against CoVid -19 shall not have close contact with their visitor as per NYSDOH guidelines and must maintain social distancing.

**Per state regulation, we are required to notify you that if you fail to adhere to facility visitation protocol you will be asked to leave.**

**If "YES" to any of the following then do not proceed with visit. Also review above requirements.**

Visit Questions	Answers
Do you have any of the following symptoms of COVID-19? Fever or Chills, Cough, Shortness of Breath or Difficulty Breathing, Fatigue, Muscle or Body Aches, Headache, New Loss of Taste or Smell, Sore Throat, Congestion or Runny Nose, Nausea or Vomiting, Diarrhea	YES      NO
Take visitor's temperature. Is it 100.0F or above?	Temperature

**Screeener Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

# WCNH Family Visitation Audit Tool

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Areas checked: \_\_\_\_\_

Is visitor(s) wearing a mask: Y / N

Is visitor(s) six feet from other residents/staff: Y / N

For semi-private room, is the privacy curtain pulled: Y / N

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Areas checked: \_\_\_\_\_

Is visitor(s) wearing a mask: Y / N

Is visitor(s) six feet from other residents/staff: Y / N

For semi-private room, is the privacy curtain pulled: Y / N

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Areas checked: \_\_\_\_\_

Is visitor(s) wearing a mask: Y / N

Is visitor(s) six feet from other residents/staff: Y / N

For semi-private room, is the privacy curtain pulled: Y / N

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Areas checked: \_\_\_\_\_

Is visitor(s) wearing a mask: Y / N

Is visitor(s) six feet from other residents/staff: Y / N

For semi-private room, is the privacy curtain pulled: Y / N

**Complete once in AM and once in PM. If any question is answered no, please remind and educate the visitor. Reach out to administrative staff as needed.**

## TRAVEL POLICY

Issued by Governor Andrew M. Cuomo

Revised/Effective: April 1, 2021

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced that domestic travelers will no longer be required to quarantine after entering New York from another U.S. State or U.S. Territory starting April 1st. While no longer required, the NYS Department of Health still recommends quarantine after domestic travel as an added precaution. ***Mandatory quarantine remains in effect for international travelers.*** All travelers must continue to fill out the [Traveler Health Form](#). Individuals should continue strict adherence to all safety guidelines to stop the spread - wearing masks, socially distancing and avoiding gatherings.

"New Yorkers have shown strength and perseverance throughout this entire pandemic, and it shows through the numbers that continue to decrease every day," **Governor Cuomo said.** "As we work to build our vaccination infrastructure even further and get more shots in arms, we're making significant progress in winning the footrace between the infection rate and the vaccination rate, allowing us to open new sectors of our economy and start our transition to a new normal in a post-pandemic world. As part of that transition, quarantine for domestic travelers is no longer required, but it is still being advised as an added precaution. This is great news, but it is not an all-clear for New Yorkers to let their guard down. To beat this virus once and for all we all must continue doing what we know works to stop the spread, including wearing masks, washing our hands and practicing social distancing."

Regardless of quarantine status, all individuals exposed to COVID-19 or returning from travel must:

- Continue daily symptom monitoring through Day 14;
- Continue strict adherence to all recommended non-pharmaceutical interventions, including hand hygiene and the use of face coverings, through Day 14 (even if fully vaccinated);
- Must immediately self-isolate if any symptoms develop and contact the local public health authority or their healthcare provider to report this change in clinical status and determine if they should seek testing.

**International Travel Requirements:** Employee must notify Department Head prior to traveling outside of the Country. Employee must also have Department Head approval to return to work and follow the below guidelines:

- An Essential worker **MUST** seek diagnostic testing for COVID-19 within 24 hours upon return arrival to ensure they are not positive. It is the employee's responsibility to arrange for testing. Any costs associated with testing is the responsibility of the employee.
- Essential workers will return to work and shall monitor temperature and signs of symptoms, shall wear a face covering at all times, shall maintain social distancing, shall clean and disinfect workspaces for a minimum of 14 days.
- Essential workers, to the extent possible, are required to avoid extended periods in public, contact with strangers, and large congregate settings for a period of, at least, 14 days.

Essential employees entering NYS after travel outside of the Country, and who refuse to return to work with the accommodations set in place by Wayne County may be subject to disciplinary action.