

VISITOR GUIDELINES

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- ✔ Visits must be scheduled at least 24 hours in advance at the request of the responsible party by calling _____.
 - ✔ Visits are time limited to _____ minute(s).
 - ✔ Visitors are to arrive 10-15 minutes in advance of scheduled visit time to complete pre-screening process.
 - ✔ Visitors arriving late may need to have their visit rescheduled.
 - ✔ In-person visits can be scheduled for patients that are COVID-19 negative or COVID-19 recovered. Patients that are COVID-19 positive or persons in transmission-based precautions will continue to receive virtual and window visits.
 - ✔ Outdoor visits are preferred whenever possible. Indoor visitation can be considered if there has been no new onset of COVID-19 cases in the center in the last 14-days and the center is not currently conducting outbreak testing. If indoor visitation is arranged, visitors must present with evidence of COVID-19 antigen negative test results obtained within 48 hours prior to visit. On-site point of care testing may be used if testing supplies are available.
 - ✔ Visits are limited to a max of one (1) visitor at a time per day per patient or per more restrictive state guideline.
 - ✔ Visitors must be 18 years or older. Exceptions may be made for compassionate care / end-of-life visits.
 - ✔ Visitors must agree to answer all screening questions and have temperature read. If visitor triggers yes for any screening questions, visit will not occur to reduce the risk of spread/exposure to COVID-19.
 - ✔ Visitors that were diagnosed with COVID-19 must provide documentation from a physician/physician extender that indicates the visitor no longer meets the CDC criteria for transmission-based precautions.
 - ✔ Upon Arrival:
 - ❖ ring bell or call _____ to notify of your arrival
 - ❖ wear a mask that covers the nose and mouth during visit. If you don't have a mask, one will be provided.
 - ❖ sign in on the *Visitor Log* attesting that you have read and reviewed the visitor guidelines and COVID-19 education and agree to comply
 - ❖ comply with screening process, including temperature check
 - ❖ complete hand hygiene
 - ✔ Maintain social distancing of at least six (6) feet during the entire visit. Visitation area is marked to assist you.
 - ✔ Must stay in the designated visitation area during entire visit.
 - ✔ No smoking is allowed.
 - ✔ Avoid touching your face or adjusting your mask. If you note that this has occurred, sanitize your hands using the sanitizing station.
 - ✔ Visitors may bring food/drink for the patient if allowed per state guideline. Food and drinks must meet diet consistency/texture per physician order and cannot be shared.
 - ✔ No physical contact is permitted.
 - ✔ Surfaces are sanitized between visits using EPA approved disinfectants to reduce the risk of exposure or transmission of COVID-19.
 - ✔ Monitor for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 such as temperature, fever/chills, cough, shortness of breath, fever, nausea, vomiting, headache, runny nose/congestion, fatigue, muscle/body aches, and new loss of taste or smell for 14-days after your visit and notify the center if signs or symptoms develop or if you receive confirmation that you have tested positive for COVID-19 or if you receive confirmation that you have been exposed to another individual who has tested positive for COVID-19.
 - ✔ **If observed to not follow visitor guidelines, staff may provide redirection or terminate visit to reduce the risk of exposure or transmission of COVID-19.**

COVID-19 is thought to spread mainly through close contact from person-to-person. Some people without symptoms may be able to spread the virus. We are still learning about how the virus spreads and the severity of illness it causes.

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- Between people who are in close contact with one another (within about six (6) feet).
- Through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or talks.
- These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs.
- COVID-19 may be spread by people who are not showing symptoms.

How easily a virus spreads from person-to-person can vary. Some viruses are highly contagious, like measles, while other viruses do not spread as easily. Another factor is whether the spread is sustained, which means it goes from person-to-person without stopping.

The virus that causes COVID-19 is spreading very easily and sustainably between people. Information from the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic suggests that this virus is spreading more efficiently than influenza, but not as efficiently as measles, which is highly contagious. In general, **the more closely a person interacts with others and the longer that interaction, the higher the risk of COVID-19 spread.**

It may be possible that a person can get COVID-19 by **touching a surface or object that has the virus on it** and then touching their own mouth, nose, or possibly their eyes. This is not thought to be the main way the virus spreads, but we are still learning more about how this virus spreads.

The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus. You can take steps to slow the spread.

- [Maintain good social distance](#) (about six (6) feet). This is very important in preventing the spread of COVID-19.
- [Wash your hands](#) often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- [Routinely clean and disinfect](#) frequently touched surfaces.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a [mask](#) when around others.

Source: Centers for Disease Control (CDC). Posted 09/21/2020.