

Best Practices - Outdoor Visits

during COVID-19



PLANNING

have a plan. work the plan.

Set up designated areas for outdoor visits that meet social distancing requirements.

Determine whether to host visiting hours, limit the number of visitors and limit the length of visit.

Request all visits be scheduled in advance and assign one staff person to manage the process.

Design visitation criteria for all visitors to review and agree to prior to the visit.



SCREENING

diligent infection control.

Screen all visitors for signs and symptoms of COVID-19.

Require use of face masks or other facial coverings at all times during visit.

Ensure social distancing of 6 feet during entire visit.

Require use of alcohol-based rub by visitors prior to visit.

Limit any physical contact (holding hands, hugs, kisses).



STAFFING

ensure staff levels.

Assign staff to serve as scheduler for visitation.

Ensure staff is available to screen all visitors.

Assign staff to transport residents, visually monitor visits while allowing for privacy, and disinfect surfaces after each visit.

Educate staff on outdoor visit policy to help them implement it; ask that they report issues or concerns.



COMMUNICATE

share the plan. seek feedback.

Communicate the plan, guidance and requirements for visits.

Develop a form for visitors to sign that acknowledges they have received criteria for the visit, they will comply with the criteria and understand the potential risk affiliated with the visit.

Seek feedback on visitation, particularly as it relates to the next phase of your planning for onsite visits.