

Indoor visitation should be accommodated and supported based on the following guidelines

- Visitors should be able to adhere to the core principles and staff should provide monitoring for those who may have difficulty adhering to core principles, such as children;
- Facilities should consider limiting the number of visitors per resident at one time and limiting the total number of visitors in the facility at one time (based on the size of the building and physical space). Facilities should consider scheduling visits for a specified length of time to help ensure all residents are able to receive visitors; and
- Facilities should limit movement in the facility. For example, visitors should not walk around different halls of the facility. Rather, they should go directly to the resident's room or designated visitation area.
- If the patient/resident is in a single-person room, visitation could occur in their room.
- Visits for patients/residents who share a room should ideally not be conducted in the patient/resident's room.
  - If in-room visitation must occur (e.g., patient/resident is unable to leave the room), an unvaccinated roommate should not be present during the visit. If neither patient/resident is able to leave the room, facilities should attempt to enable in-room visitation while maintaining recommended infection prevention and control practices, including physical distancing and source control.
  - If visitation is occurring in a designated area in the facility, facilities could consider scheduling visits so that multiple visits are not occurring simultaneously, to the extent possible. If simultaneous visits do occur, everyone in the designated area should wear source control and 7 physical distancing should be maintained between different visitation groups regardless of vaccination status.
- Indoor visitation spaces must support social distancing of at least 6 feet between the visitor and resident. If the resident is fully vaccinated\*, they can choose to have close contact (including touch) with their visitor while wearing a well-fitting face mask and performing hand-hygiene before and after. Regardless, visitors should physically distance from other residents, visitors and staff in the facility.
- Visitors should not bring food or drinks to share during the visitation but may consider being unopened items for the resident to enjoy without sharing during the visit or at a later time.
- Visitation locations will be equipped with sanitation supplies, readily available to visitors and residents.
- Facilities may establish additional guidelines as needed to ensure the safety of visitations and their facility operations. CMS and CDC continue to recommend facilities, residents, and families adhere to the core principles of COVID-19 infection, including physical distancing (maintaining at least 6 feet between people). This continues to be the safest way to prevent the spread of COVID-19, particularly if either party has not been fully vaccinated. However, we acknowledge the toll that separation and isolation has taken. We also acknowledge that there is no substitute for physical contact, such as the warm embrace between a resident and their loved one. Therefore, if the resident is fully vaccinated\*, they can choose to have close contact (including touch) with their visitor while wearing a well-fitting face mask and performing hand-hygiene before and after in accordance with the CDC's Updated Healthcare Infection

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