



August 5th, 2021

Dear BaneCare Families and Residents,

The CDC and the Department of Public Health continue to provide guidance to skilled nursing facilities on visitation during the COVID-19 pandemic. Per the latest guidance issued August 4th, 2021, in order for visitation to occur, the resident must not be suspected or confirmed to be infected with COVID-19, unless for a compassionate care visit. The floor where the resident resides must not have any confirmed or suspected COVID-19 cases in staff or residents in the past 14 days.

All visitors will be screened at the entrance. Anyone with symptoms of COVID-19 infection or who has been exposed in the prior 14 days, regardless of vaccination status, will not be permitted to visit.

Residents who are fully vaccinated are allowed to visit with loved ones who are fully vaccinated in their rooms, if they reside in a private room or if their roommate is also fully vaccinated. Visitors and residents, as they are able to do so, must wear a face mask for the duration of the visit. Social distancing is not required, but encouraged.

Outdoor visits are encouraged in our designated space and will be dependent on weather conditions, availability, and the health and well-being of the resident. Residents who are fully vaccinated may visit with loved ones who are fully vaccinated outdoors without social distancing or masks.

Any visitor who develops signs and symptoms of COVID-19 within two days after visiting indoors or outdoors must immediately notify the long-term care facility.

Due to the aggressive nature of the COVID-19 variants, we also strongly encourage the following:

1. Complete a Binax (rapid test) before entry in the facility, which the facility can provide
2. Consider rescheduling or limiting your visit time. Video visits are preferred.
3. Follow all best practices to avoid the spread using proper PPE, maintaining social distance and utilize frequent hand washing/hand sanitizing.
4. You will be asked about vaccination status and we encourage you to become vaccinated when you have the opportunity

We want to remind you that we still have a vulnerable population and we thank you for helping us to keep our residents, families and staff members safe. We appreciate your continued patience, support and understanding.

Warmest Regards,

BaneCare Executive Directors