

Quick Facts:

By Appointment
Only

Time limited.

Limited to 2
visitors per
resident. Visits
are in room only
or designated
area.

Masks must be
worn

Maintain social
distancing.

No eating,
drinking,
touching.

Visits are
scheduled
Sunday - Friday

Cabrini of Westchester Visitation Fact Sheet

- Visitors and residents must comply with social distancing and wear face masks at all times.
- Visitors must be screened, including temperature checks.
- Visitors are allowed to visit in residents' room only and designated locations, no walking around facility or unit.
- Visits are by appointment only and time limited.
- Residents are allowed 2 visitors at a time. There is no Eating or drinking during these visits.
- Children under 16 prohibited from visiting without an adult.
- Cabrini of Westchester reserves the right to refuse any visitor who is under the influence, disruptive or presents a danger to any resident or staff.

Visits are Sunday – Friday by appointment only.

In the event of any cases of COVID-19 at Cabrini of Westchester, visitation will be suspended for at least 14 days.

The NYS Dept. of Health guidelines state, “Failure to follow these guidelines may result in restriction or revocation of visitation.”

Cabrini of Westchester will not test any visitor.

Staff are required to monitor visitation process.

ST. CABRINI NURSING HOME

Department: **Administration**

Title: **Visitation Plan - COVID-19 Pandemic**

Policy: Visiting hours during COVID-19 pandemic will be consistent with the guidance from Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and New York State Department of Health (NYS DOH).

Purpose: To maintain residents' health and well-being.
To protect the residents, staff and visitors from contracting the COVID-19 virus.

As per the New York State Department of Health's Health Advisory, nursing homes may expand visitation, provided the facility follows the core principles of infection control and prevention. We must be without any COVID-19 cases among residents and staff for at least 14 days and not currently conducting outbreak testing.

Visit Schedule and Capacity

Visiting hours will take place Sunday-Friday by appointment only. Appointment schedules will be made

Monday thru Friday 10:00 am – 1:00 pm and 4:00 pm -7:00 pm
Saturday/Sunday/Holidays 10:00 am – 4:00pm

A maximum of two visitors are permitted to visit a resident at one time.

Cancellation of Visits

If any resident or staff member tests positive for COVID-19, visitation will be suspended for a period of 14 days.

Visitation will be suspended if the Westchester county positivity rate exceeds 10%. Only Compassionate Care visits will be allowed at that time

Residents will not be permitted to have a visit if they have a confirmed or suspected diagnosis of COVID-19, are on isolation.

Low (<5%) = For county COVID-19 positivity rates below 5%, visitor testing is strongly encouraged. Cabrini of Westchester will not provide testing to any visitor.

Medium (5% – 10%) = Visitation will occur according to the core principles of COVID-19 infection prevention and policies. Visitor testing is required. Visitors must either: present a negative COVID-19 test result from within the past seventy-two hours (72). Rapid testing is acceptable. Alternatively, the visitor(s) may provide proof of having completed the COVID-19 vaccination series no less than 14 days prior to the date of the visit but also within 90 days of the last vaccination. Additionally, all visitors must adhere to all infection control practices.

High (>10%) = Visitation may only occur for compassionate care situations according to the core principles of COVID-19 infection prevention and policies.

Procedure:

- Signs will be posted at the entrance instructing visitors that they will not be allowed to visit if they have symptoms of respiratory infection.
- Visitors are required to strictly adhere to the core principles of infection control and prevention.
- Visitors are screened for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 prior to resident access and visitation will be refused if the individual(s) exhibits any COVID-19 symptoms or do not pass the screening questions. Screening shall consist of both temperature checks and asking screening questions to assess potential exposure to COVID-19. All visitors must provide their first and last name, physical street address of the visitor; daytime and evening telephone number; date and time of visit; email address if available. Documentation of screening must be maintained onsite in an electronic format and available upon the Department of Health request for purposes of inspection and potential contact tracing.
- A Fact sheet outlining expectations shall be provided upon initial screening to all visitors.
- Visitors must wear a face mask or face covering which covers both the nose and mouth at all times when on the premises of the Nursing Home. We encourage visitors to wear their own mask to help us conserve our supply. However, if a visitor does not have a mask, one will be provided to them. Visitors are not permitted to touch, kiss, and or hug residents.
- Visitors must maintain social distancing as directed by the facility.
- Alcohol-based hand sanitizer will be available upon entering Cabrini and in the designated spaces for visitation.
- Visitors under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult 18 years of age or older.
- Eating and drinking is not permitted.
- Limit visitor movement in Cabrini of Westchester
- Conduct visits in a single-occupancy resident rooms or in designated locations.
- If any visitor fails to adhere to the protocol, he/she/they will be prohibited from visiting for the duration of the COVID-19 state declared public health emergency.
- An interdisciplinary team, will meet to review compliance with the visitation program and to address any issues or concerns. The team comprised of the Administrator, Director of Social Work, Director of Nursing, Medical Director, Director of Recreation, and Assistant Administrator will meet monthly or as needed.

Responsibility

Action

Administration

1. The administration informs residents and designated representatives at the time that a pandemic is declared, verbally and in writing of the enhanced visiting hour's protocol and the rights and responsibilities of visitors.

Social Service/IDT

2. Social Services/Recreation and or their designees will coordinate all requests for visitation.
 3. Visitations must be scheduled in advance of the visit. Visitation schedule will be strictly adhered to in order to accommodate all other scheduled visitations. If a visitor is unable to make the visit

at the scheduled time, they need to re-schedule. Unscheduled visitations will not be permitted.

- Unit Staff
4. The residents and family members will be informed of the information pertaining to this policy.
 5. Unit staff will be responsible for monitoring for compliance to the core principles including infection prevention and control policies.

Indoor Visitation

Cabrini of Westchester shall allow indoor visitation at all times and for residents (regardless of vaccination status), except a few circumstances when visitation should be limited due to a high risk of COVID-19 transmission (except-compassion are visits should be permitted at all times). These scenarios include limiting indoor visitation for:

- Unvaccinated residents, if the COVID-19 county positivity rate is greater than 10 percent **and** less than percent of residents in the facility are fully vaccinated.
- Residents with confirmed COVID-19 infection, whether vaccinated or unvaccinated, until they have met the criteria to discontinue transmission-based precautions; or
- Residents in quarantine, whether vaccinated or unvaccinated, until they have met criteria for release from quarantine.

Scheduling will be staffed to allow for adequate social distancing and infection control guidelines among all visitors, residents and staff.

Upon arrival for a visit, visitors after screening must go directly to the designated visitor location.

Visitors must only visit the resident they intend to visit at the designated visitation location.

Visitation within a resident's room will be limited to residents with private rooms. Other residents will have assigned designated locations on the unit. Visitation can occur in a semi-private room with one roommate at another location. Cleaning and disinfection of the room will occur prior to the roommate returning.

The designated visitation spaces will be clearly marked to indicate the positions for the resident and visitor during the visit are at least six feet apart. The staff will ensure the residents and visitors remain in their designated visitation locations for the duration of the visit.

The designated visitation spaces will be sanitized using EPA-registered disinfectant after each visit at a minimum.

Outdoor Visitation

All Patios on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Floors and Garden Level Courtyard are the only outdoor designated space for visitation. During inclement weather, visitation will be indoors.

All visitors will be by appointment only to ensure proper six foot distancing, and infection control guidelines, wearing of face masks and proper sanitizing.

A designated staff member will monitor visitation for compliance.

Tables and chairs will be cleaned after each visit. Garbage receptacles and sanitizers will be readily available.

Approved by: _____
Title: Administrator

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