



## VISITATION POLICY AND PROCEDURES

### Including Infection Control Policy and Procedures

#### **Policy:**

It is the policy of Mary's House ALF to promote resident visitation, while maintaining prudent infection control practices in compliance with the regulations set forth in Chapter 408.823, Florida Statutes.

#### **Procedures:**

1. We will ensure that in person visitation will be allowed in all of the following circumstances unless the resident objects:
  - a. End-of-life situations.
  - b. A resident who was living with family before being admitted to the Facility is struggling with the change in environment and lack of in-person family support.
  - c. The resident is making one or more major medical decisions.
  - d. A resident is experiencing emotional distress or grieving the loss of a friend or family member who recently died.
  - e. A resident needs cueing or encouragement to eat or drink which was previously provided by a family member or a caregiver.
  - f. A resident who used to talk and interact with others is seldom speaking.
2. Residents may also designate a visitor who is a family member, friend, guardian, or other individual as an essential caregiver. The essential caregiver is allowed to have in-person visitation for at least 2 hours daily in addition to any other visitation authorized by the Facility but does not have to provide necessary care.
3. The Facility will respect the right of the resident to determine the number of visitors he/she would like to have at any given time during the 9am-9pm visiting hours.
4. A staff member is designated to support infection control and prevention by providing information on the visitation policy & procedures to the visitors.
5. The administrator is designated as the person responsible for ensuring that employees adhere to the visitation policies and procedures.
6. Visitations are from 9am-9pm, at a minimum. Visitors requesting to come any other time need to make arrangements with the administrator or designee in advance.
7. The Facility will not require visitors to provide proof of vaccination.
8. All visitors must sign in when visiting at the front door.
9. Consensual physical contact between patients and their loved ones will not be restricted.
10. Visits are done throughout the home in common areas or the residents' private bedrooms if they are bedridden.
11. The administrator or designee may suspend in-person visitation of a specific visitor in case of violation of the provider's policy and procedures on visitation.
12. Policy and Procedures will be posted on site and in the visitor book.

### **INFECTION CONTROL PROCEDURES FOR VISITORS**

(As per Mary's House ALF P&P Infection Control)

#### **Policy:**

It is the policy of Mary's House ALF to prevent the spread of communicable disease by the use of personal protective equipment and handwashing. All visitors will follow the following protocol when entering Mary's House.

#### **Procedures:**

1. Upon entering visitors will be informed by staff about the visitation policy and procedures.
2. Visitor to sign the visitor book.
3. Guest will be asked if he/she has been sick.
4. If necessary, temperature will be taken to determine if guest has a fever.
5. Hands will be disinfected with sanitizer at welcome desk.
6. Masks will be required if there is an active spread or infection.
7. Visitors will be in common area or resident room if resident is bedridden.