

## Visitation FAQs

Illinois Executive Order Number 18 ([COVID-19 EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 85](#)), requires visitors to wear face masks while indoors in all areas of the facility, including resident rooms.

- Visitation is now allowed for all residents at all times, including while the facility is in outbreak.
  - Visits must occur in a manner that does not place other residents or staff at risk.
- All visitors must be screened prior to entering the facility, engage in hand hygiene, wear face masks at all times inside the facility, and maintain physical distancing of six feet from other residents and staff.
- Visitors and residents and/or their representative must be notified of the risks associated with visitation.
- Visits may be conducted in resident rooms, dedicated visitation spaces, outdoors, or virtually.
  - Outdoor visits are strongly preferred when possible as they are still the safest option for all residents, visitors, and staff.
- Visits must be conducted in a manner that adheres to the core principles of COVID-19 infection control and do not increase risk to other residents or staff.
  - Physical distancing must be able to be maintained, therefore depending on the visitation space and number of visitors, we may have to rotate visitors to accommodate a larger group.
- Visitor movement through the facility should be limited – visitors should go straight to the designated visitation space after being screened and remain there during their entire visit.
- If the resident and all their visitor(s) are Up-to-Date with COVID-19 vaccinations/booster(s), the resident may choose not to wear a face mask and to have physical contact.
  - Visitors must wear face masks when in the facility at all times, whether or not they are Up-to-Date.
- If the resident is Not-Up-to-Date with COVID-19 vaccinations/booster(s), they should (if able) wear face masks/coverings and physically distance from others.
  - Physical touch is not recommended but allowed if necessary for the resident's well-being.
  - Visitors must wear face masks when in the facility at all times, whether or not they are Up-to-Date.
- If a resident is in quarantine or on transmission-based precautions, indoor visits are not recommended, but may be allowed in-room only.
  - Outdoor visits are not recommended.
  - Residents (if able to tolerate) and visitors should wear face masks at all times.
  - Six foot spacing should be maintained.
  - Physical touch is not recommended but allowed if necessary for the resident's well-being.
- Visits during outbreak:
  - Indoor visits should be conducted in the resident's room.
  - Residents (if able to tolerate) and visitors should wear face masks at all times.
  - Six foot spacing should be maintained.
  - Physical touch is not recommended but allowed if necessary for the resident's well-being.