

New COVID-19 Facility Guidelines

The facility will follow CMS and OSDH guidelines and best practices for indoor visitation to allow residents/patients to meet mental and psychosocial needs with family and friends.

Facility Preparedness Prior to Reopening:

- a) A Personal Visitation Plan will be completed by each resident/patient/client or POA.
- b) Staff will be in-serviced on Reopening Visitation Protocol and will sign off.
- c) Hand sanitizer will be in resident/patient/client rooms that will be having in-room visitation.
- d) Hand sanitizer will be available throughout the facility.
- e) Instructional signage will be placed throughout the facility that addresses the following:
 - COVID-19 signs and symptoms
 - Infection control precautions
 - Proper mask usage
 - Proper hand hygiene
 - Entry & exit signage

Reopening Protocol

1. Residents/patients/clients are allowed to leave the facility for trips outside the facility with family and friends and medical appointments if they have been vaccinated. They will NOT need to be quarantined when they return unless there has been a known *close exposure to COVID-19. (*Close exposure = >6 feet for >15 minutes in a 24-hour period)
2. All visitors will be encouraged to complete Essential Caregiver training prior to any visitation. Facility will keep a log of trainings completed by visitors for each resident/patient/client. These will be kept in a tabbed resident/patient binder for the office. Resources & Recommendations (oklahoma.gov)
3. Visitors are not required to be COVID-19 tested or show proof of vaccination as a condition of visitation; however, they will be asked to test prior to entering the building.
4. Compassionate care(CC) visits will be allowed at all times for all residents, vaccinated or unvaccinated in isolation or in quarantine on a COVID-19 unit. Compassionate care visits are not just for end of life, but are just as necessary for physical, mental and psychosocial difficulties and/or decline. These visits are necessary and should not be an exception.
5. Clergy/church visitations are allowed just like normal visitors. Additional requirements will be needed if leading a group activity.
6. Beauty shops may reopen. Providers are required to be vaccinated by 4/15/21. Until then, they must be tested before each visit. They will always be screened as if an employee.

7. Each visitor will be screened for fever or respiratory or other COVID-19 symptoms prior to entering the facility, doing outdoor visitation or picking a resident/patient/client up for an appointment or out-of-facility visit and will go through a sanitization station and have his/her temperature taken prior to visitation.
8. Any individual with symptoms of COVID-19 infection (refer to visitor screening log) will not be permitted to enter the facility to the indoor visitation area, or have in-person visits with a resident/patient.
9. Visitors will provide contact information on the screening log to assist in contact tracing if needed.
10. Visitors will be asked to sign a "Attestation Statement" with a liability waiver prior to entering the facility. If visitor refuses to sign, document the refusal and maintain documentation in a file. Indoor visitation cannot be allowed without a signed Attestation Statement.
11. Staff, residents/patients/clients and visitors will wear a facemask at ALL times during a visit.
12. Indoor, in-person visitation is permitted in designated, indoor visitation space with approval from local and state health departments per phase designation.
 - i) Unvaccinated residents/patients/clients may not have indoor visitation, except for CC visits, if the COVID-19 county positivity rate is greater than 10%
 - ii) Residents/patients/clients that have a confirmed COVID-19 infection, whether vaccinated or unvaccinated, except for CC visits, may not have visitation until they have met the criteria to discontinue transmission-based precautions
 - iii) Residents/patients/clients in quarantine, whether vaccinated or unvaccinated, except for CC visits, may not have visitation until they have met criteria for release from quarantine.
 - iv) Residents/patients/clients with roommates must have visitation outside of shared room
 - v) Residents/patients/clients without a roommate may have visitations in his/her room IF resident/patient/client is cohorted with vaccinated residents/patients/clients.
13. Indoor visitation will be halted for any positive staff or resident/patient/client, COVID-19 test and facility-wide outbreak testing will be completed. Visitation will resume based on the following criteria:
 - a) If first round of outbreak testing reveals no other confirmed COVID-19 cases in other halls/units of the facility then visitation will resume in all other areas EXCEPT the affected area. The affected hall/unit will have visitation halted until the facility meets the criteria to discontinue outbreak testing.
 - b) If the first round of outbreak testing reveals one or more additional COVID-19 cases in other halls/units of the facility, then the facility will suspend indoor visitation, except for CC visits, for all residents/patients/clients, vaccinated and unvaccinated.
14. Residents/patients/clients and/or visitors will not move through a designated COVID-19 care space or space where residents/patients suspected or confirmed to be infected with COVID-19 are present.
15. All residents/patients/clients can choose to have close contact, including touch, with their visitor while wearing a well-fitting face mask.

16. Children are permitted but must stay in the area of their loved one.
17. Children above 5 years of age must wear a mask.
18. Monitoring of visits is not required.
19. Visitors that cannot or will not adhere to appropriate masking will be escorted from the premises.
20. Hand sanitizer will be provided and visitors will be required to perform hand hygiene immediately prior to visiting with residents/patients/clients.
21. Any areas, furniture, dividers, screens and/or Hug Stations, where visitation has occurred will be cleaned and sanitized after each visit utilizing appropriate wait time for the cleaner used. Educate and in-service staff on the kill time for the cleaner you are using that day. Write the kill time on the bottle. Staff need to be able to answer what the kill time is for the cleaner used.
22. Visitors are asked to inform the facility if they develop fever or symptoms consistent with COVID-19 within 14 days after visiting the facility. IPCO will document and do any contact tracing.
23. Staff will screen any individuals who had contact with the visitor for the level of exposure and follow up with the Medical Director for guidance.
24. Federal and state surveyors, ombudsman, APS, etc. will be permitted entry into facility under the same screening processes as above, unless signs and/or symptoms of COVID-19 are present. They must adhere to infection control practices. Proof of vaccination or testing are not required. Testing should be offered prior to entering”