

**HAMMOND-HENRY HOSPITAL**

<b>STANDARD</b>	<b>DEPARTMENT</b>
<b>LTC OUTDOOR VISITATION FOR RESIDENTS</b>	<b>LONG TERM CARE</b>

**PANDEMIC POLICY:** Hammond-Henry Long Term Care (HHH-LTC) will allow residents to have outdoor visitation with outer community members (visitors) during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**OBJECTIVE/PURPOSE:** To allow visitation for residents in an improved setting while continuing to assure the safety of all HHH-LTC residents, staff, and community

**RESPONSIBLE PARTIES:** Administration  
Interdisciplinary Team

- Medical Director
- LTC and Activities staff

**PROCEDURE:**

1. Outdoor visitation for residents and visitors will be allowed if the following guidelines are met:
  - a. No more than two (2) visitors may visit a resident at one time.
  - b. Only one visitation session is allowed at a time in order to ensure that overcrowding does not occur.
  - c. A six-foot distance between residents and visitors must be maintained at all times.
  - d. An area will be designated under the gazebo in the courtyard with appropriate labels to ensure appropriate social distancing.
  - e. If a non-visiting resident enters the courtyard, it is mandatory that visitors always keep 6 feet of distance from all residents.
  - f. If there are any cases of COVID-19, or persons under investigation for symptoms concerned to be COVID-19, within the LTC, all visitations will be canceled.
2. Residents
  - a. All residents are screened daily for COVID-19 symptoms and a log will be kept at the nurse's station
    - i. Any concerning symptoms related or unrelated to COVID-19 may cause nursing or activities personnel to cancel the visitation.
  - b. Residents will be required to wear a facemask or shield during the visitation unless medically incapable
  - c. Residents will perform hand hygiene before returning to living area.
3. Visitors
  - a. Visitors must contact the Activities Department in order to schedule their times to visit with residents (309-944-9155).
    - i. Visitors that show up without scheduling their appointment will not be permitted to visit with residents in the courtyard.

- b. All visitors will be screened within 24 hours of their visit via phone interview. It is the responsibility of the visitors to contact the Activities Department to conduct their phone screening within the appropriate time.
  - c. Visitors will also be screened upon arrival, temperature will be taken, and they will be required to perform hand hygiene.
  - d. Any positive or concerning answers to screening questions or temperatures above 100 degrees will result in cancellation of the visit until the visitor is symptom and fever free for 72 hours.
  - e. All visitors will be required to wear a mask for the entirety of their visitation within the LTC courtyard and will enter/exit through the courtyard gates.
  - f. Any visitors that are unable to follow the rules of visitation due to age or cognition will not be allowed to perform visitation – this is at the discretion of activities staff.
  - g. A maximum of two (2) visitation sessions per day will be allowed per resident
4. Failure to comply with any of the above guidance may result in the inability of the resident or visitor to continue the visitation or have future visitations
  5. Visitation sessions will not last longer than 30 minutes and may be canceled at the discretion of the Activities Department if the weather is inappropriate, staffing does not allow, resident is not appropriate, or any other extraneous factor deems the visitation unsafe or unadvised.
  6. All surfaces occupied or touched by visitors will be wiped down prior to subsequent visitations.

**SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES:** If a resident or visitor cannot follow the guidelines listed above, that resident and/or visitor will lose the ability to participate in outdoor visitations and the resident may be placed on isolation precautions to assure the safety of others.

**OUTCOME:** Improved quality of visitation will occur while also assuring infection control and safety will be sustained for all residents, staff, and community members.

**REFERENCES:**

<http://dph.illinois.gov/sites/default/files/LTC%20visitation%20guidance%20final%2006.18.20.pdf>