

Good Shepherd Village at Endwell Visitation plan:

On March 13th, 2020 NYSDOH issued a health advisory to all Nursing Homes and Adult Care Facilities in NYS aimed at to prevent the introduction of COVID-19 into Nursing Homes and Adult care Facilities. This included suspending all visitation except when medically necessary (i.e. end-of life and compassionate care situations.)

Following this health advisory, and implementing necessary infection prevention and control requirements, have led to successfully keeping COVID-19 at bay from our residents. Now that NYS has been successful in reducing virus transmission, sustainable visitation policies for our facility is needed for the next phase of the public health emergency.

Following the NYSDOH Health Advisory: Skilled Nursing Visitation 7/10/2020, the department will permit outside visitation, and limited indoor visitation and activities, if the Nursing Home meets specific benchmarks and develop reopening plan via the NY Forward Safety Plan.

If at any time Good Shepherd Village at Endwell fails to meets the benchmarks of the NYS DOH then the limited visitation will be suspended.

Good Shepherd Village at Endwell Formal visitation plan:

Visitation will be limited to outdoor areas, weather permitting (in case of foul weather the visitation will be re-scheduled.) Visitation will be held in the Courtyard. Entry will be from the Health Care parking lot on Sally Piper Road.

Under limited circumstances, such as end-of-life, visitation can be in the residents private room with the door closed.

Visitation will be scheduled Monday & Wednesday 10am-12pm and 4pm-5:15pm. Thursday 2pm-4pm. Please call the Unit Secretary between 9am-3pm to schedule; Nursing Home, Carey Kane 484-6115 and Assisted Living, Jennifer Roma 484-6044.

Guideline for limited visitation:

- The facility will inform each resident and resident representative of his/her visitation rights and related policies related to restricted visitation.
- The facility will discuss the risks and benefits of the visitor's presence with both the visitor and the resident.
- Visitors will review the visitor fact sheet on what to expect during visitation and instruction on mask hand hygiene. Visitor will sign acknowledgement and a signed copy will be kept on file.
- Staff will be present to help with the transition of residents, monitoring of visitation, and cleaning and disinfecting areas used for visitation after each visit.
- For The Nursing Home: no more that 10% of the residents will have visitors at one time and no more than 2 visitors will be allowed per resident at any one time. The number of visitors will vary depending on the census.
- For The Adult Care Facility, visitors may not exceed more that 10% of the current in-house census. The number of visitors will vary depending on the census.
- Visitors must be 18 years of age.
- No pets allowed.
- Visitors will wait in their car and be called when it is their time
- Visitation area will be disinfected between visits
- Visitations will be scheduled in 30 minute block of time
- Visitation remains prohibited anywhere else on the grounds.
- Visitors will be screened upon arrival including temperature and symptom checks and any COVID-19 exposure during the prior 14 days.
- Visitors must wear a facemask at all times; visitors who refuse to wear a face mask will be asked to leave.
- Residents must wear a face mask during visitation
- Visitors and residents must sanitize their hands upon arrival and perform hand hygiene throughout the visit.
- Social distancing of 6ft will be maintained during the visit

- Visitation will not occur with any individual who are currently in quarantine due to exposure for COVID-19 or isolations for a positive COVID-19 test
- Any visitor who fails to follow protocol will be asked to leave and prohibited from visiting for the duration of the COVID-19 state declared public health emergency, per NYS GOH directive.
- Documentation of visitor screening will be maintained and made available to the DOH for inspection and contact tracing. Documentation will include the following:
 - First and last name
 - Physical address
 - Daytime and evening phone number
 - Date and time of visit
 - E-mail address (if available)
 - A notation indicating that the individual had cleared the screening.

Any questions regarding the facilities limited visitation policy may be directed to:

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