

Good Shepherd Village at Endwell Visitation plan: update 9/18/2020, 10/1/2020

On March 13th, 2020 NYSDOH issued a health advisory to all Nursing Homes and Adult Care Facilities in NYS aimed 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 Advisories Skilled Nursing Visitation 7/10/2020, 9/15/2020, and 9/17/2020 and Visitation in Adult Care Facilities 7/10/2020 and 9/9/2020 the department will permit outside visitation, and limited indoor visitation and activities, if the Nursing Home and Adult Care Facility meet specific benchmarks and develop/submit a reopening plan via the NY Forward Safety Plan.

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

Good Shepherd Village at Endwell Formal visitation plan:

1. Visitation is limited to outdoor areas. Under certain limited circumstances, as we have defined, visitation can be indoors in The Great Room with no more than 10 individuals. The Great Room is well ventilated and will accommodate appropriate social distancing for the number of individuals (not to exceed 10.)
2. Limited circumstances include weather conditions (inclement weather; snow, sleet, rain, thunder/lightening, excessively hot or cold temperatures, poor air quality) and an individual residents health status.
3. The decision to move visitation indoors requires consultation with the ALR Administrator, Director of Nursing or The Health Care Administrator.

Visitation hours will be posted on the website on the visitation fact sheet. Visitation hours are subject to change with proper notification and posting.

Guideline for limited visitation:

- Screening will be at the Health Center main entrance
- The facility will inform each resident and resident representative of his/her visitation rights and related policies related to restricted visitation.
- Visitors to the Skilled Nursing Facility must show proof of negative COVID-19 test within 7 days prior to visit.
- 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. 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.
- Visitation area will be disinfected between visits
- Visitations will be scheduled in 30 minute block of time
- Visitation is restricted to the visitation area with the exception of end-of-life and compassionate care visits.
- 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 will be 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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