

Good Shepherd Village at Endwell Visitation plan: update 9/18/2020, 10/1/2020, 4/1/2021

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 the most recent NYSDOH Health Advisories Skilled Nursing Visitation 3/25/2021 and Visitation in Adult Care Facilities 3/25/2021 Good Shepherd Village at Endwell has updated our visitation plan and policies.

Good Shepherd Village at Endwell Formal visitation plan:

1. Outdoor visitation poses a lower risk of transmission due to increase space and airflow, therefore; all visits should be held outdoors whenever practicable .
2. In room visitation is allowed beyond end-of-life/compassionate care when the county positivity rate is below 10% and >70% of the residents have been vaccinated.
3. For indoor visitation, visitors are to go directly to the resident room and are not to be walking around the halls or units.

Visitation hours will be posted on the website and 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 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 under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult 18 years of age or older
- Visitation area will be disinfected between visits
- Visitations will be scheduled in 30 minute block of time
- 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
- Close contact is permissible if the resident has been fully vaccinate, with the visitor wearing a well-fitting facemask and hand hygiene is performs before and after.
- 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.

Please speak to the ALR Administrator or Director of Nursing for inquiries regarding Compassionate Care/end-of-life visitation.

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

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