



Policy Subject	Assisted Living Visitation Policy		
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Objective

The objective of this policy is to address the guidelines set forth by Florida’s Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) regarding indoor, in-person visitation with residents of Moorings Park assisted living facilities.

Policy

The resident has a right to receive visitors of his or her choosing at the time of their choosing, subject to the resident’s right to deny visitation when applicable, and in a manner that does not impose on the rights of another resident. Nothing in this policy is intended to limit the resident’s rights for consensual visitation under any circumstances.

In accordance with the May 6, 2022, State of Florida, SB 988, “No Resident Left Alone Act,” Moorings Park Assisted Living Facilities will allow in-person visitation in all the following circumstances unless the resident objects:

- End-of-Life situations.
- With a resident who is struggling with a change in environment and the lack of in-person family support when having previously lived with family before admission to an assisted living facility.
- With a resident who is experiencing emotional distress or is grieving the loss of a friend or family member who has recently died.
- With a resident who is in the process of making one or more major medical decisions.
- With a resident who needs cueing or encouragement to eat or drink when that assistance was previously provided by a family member or caregiver.
- With a resident who used to talk and interact with others who is now seldom speaking.

1. Assisted living facilities will provide access to a resident's family, relatives, friends, or other guests of the resident, subject to the resident's right to deny or withdraw consent at any time.
2. Assisted living facilities will not limit the time, location, or number of visitors that a resident may have unless the visitation is imposing on another residents' rights.
3. Information regarding the facilities infection control procedures, education on proper hygiene, personal protective equipment and relation policies will be displayed throughout the facility.
4. Staff adherence to the visitation policy falls under the direction of the Assisted Living Administrator and Director of Nursing.
5. Visitors will not be asked to provide proof of vaccination or immunization status as a condition for or prior to visitation.
6. The allowance of consensual physical contact between a resident and a visitor is to be made by the resident.
7. No visitor will be required to wear a facial covering unless required by a healthcare provider and the visitor is:
 - a. Exhibiting signs or symptoms of or has a diagnosed infectious disease that can be spread through droplet or airborne transmission.
 - b. In a sterile area of the health care setting or an area where sterile procedures are being performed.
 - c. In an in-patient or clinical room with a patient who is exhibiting signs or symptoms of or has a diagnosed infectious disease that can be spread through droplet or airborne transmission.
 - d. Visiting a resident, whose healthcare provider has diagnosed the resident with or confirmed a condition affecting the immune system. The condition is known to increase the risk of transmission of an infection from employees without signs and symptoms of infection to a resident. The resident's healthcare practitioner has determined that the use of facial covering is necessary for the resident's safety.
 - e. The facility will provide PPE to all visitors, when necessary.
8. Visitor Sign-In / Sign-Out
 - a. All visitors must sign in and out using the designated Sign-In/Sign-Out book.
9. Visitor Screening
 - a. Visitors are not required to complete formal symptom screening (such as temperature checks or questionnaires) when signing in.
 - b. Visitors are expected to self-monitor and should not enter the community if they are ill or experiencing symptoms or communicable disease.
 - c. Essential caregiver visitation will not be prohibited and will not be asked to leave the facility.

10. Protocols when a Resident is Sick

- a. Staff will provide infection control education to visitors when a resident is sick and ask they take reasonable precautions such as hand hygiene, PPE when indicated. Visitors may be asked to wash hands upon entry/exit, and, when appropriate, wear protective gear.
- b. Additional safeguards may be taken in areas of high resident vulnerability. Families will be notified proactively of illness within the neighborhood. Visitors may be asked to wear masks. If infection risk is high, visits may be temporarily redirected or limited.
- c. Essential caregiver visitation will not be prohibited and will not be asked to leave the facility.

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