

Morris Hall COVID-19 Visitation Policy

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Policy:

Morris Hall Senior Care Communities will allow visitation of all visitors and non-essential health care personnel through different means based on facility structure and residents' needs, such as resident rooms, dedicated visitation spaces, outdoors, and for circumstances beyond compassionate care situations. The visitation will be person-centered, consider the resident's physical, mental, and psychosocial well-being, and support their quality of life. Exceptions will be in accordance with current CMS directives and CDC recommendations, or as directed by state government (whichever is more stringent).

Policy Explanation and Compliance Guidelines:

1. The Infection Preventionist will monitor the status of the COVID-19 situation through the CDC website and local/state health department, and will keep facility leadership informed of current directives/ recommendations and the need for restricting visitation if indicated.
2. Morris Hall may allow indoor visitation after no new facility-onset of COVID-19 cases in the last 14 days have been detected, in accordance with CDC and NJDOH guidelines.
3. Visitation will occur by appointment only.
4. No more than two visitors are permitted at one time per resident, unless otherwise noted.
5. An informed consent must be completed for each visit.
6. There will be designated locations for visitation that allow for privacy and social distancing.
 - a. Cleaning and disinfection of highly touched surfaces in the designated visitation areas after each visit will be performed.
 - b. Residents and visitors are not permitted to meet in shared spaces, unless purposely scheduled.
7. Proper PPE must be worn by the resident and visitor throughout the duration of the visit. During mealtime, residents may remove their masks but visitors must continue to remain in proper PPE.
8. Social distancing must be followed by the resident and the visitor throughout the duration of the visit if the resident has not been fully vaccinated.
9. Visitors must be screened and logged prior to the start of their visit.
10. Morris Hall may prohibit entry for those visitors who meet the following criteria
 - a. Exhibit signs or symptoms of an infectious communicable disease, such as COVID-19;
 - b. Have had contact with someone with a confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19, in the last 14 days;
 - c. Has returned from a designated state under the 14-day quarantine travel advisory, in the last 14 days;
 - d. Has been diagnosed with COVID-19 and has not yet met criteria for the discontinuation of isolation per guidance issued by NJDOH and CDC;
 - e. If testing is used, tested positive.
11. Except for on-going use of virtual visits, Morris Hall may restrict visitation (except for end-of-life and compassionate care) due to the COVID-19 county positivity rate:

- i. Low (<5%) = Visitation will occur according to the core principles of COVID-19 infection prevention and facility policies (beyond compassionate care visits).
 - ii. Medium (5%-10%) = Visitation will occur according to the core principles of COVID-19 infection prevention and facility policies (beyond compassionate care visits).
 - iii. High (10%) = Visitation will only occur for compassionate care situations according to the core principles of COVID-19 infection prevention and facility policies.
12. Residents on transmission-based precautions for COVID-19 will be restricted to virtual visits, through windows or in-person for compassionate care situations until the transmission-based precaution is no longer required.
13. Special considerations:
 - a. Health care workers: Healthcare workers will be allowed to come into the facility as long as they meet current CDC guidelines for health care workers. Screening for fever and respiratory symptoms apply in accordance with surveillance procedures.
 - b. Surveyors: Screening for fever and respiratory symptoms along with requesting hand hygiene apply.
 - c. Ombudsman: In-person access may be limited due to infection control concerns and/or transmission of COVID-19, but may not be limited without reasonable cause. The core principles of infection prevention will be adhered to by the ombudsman and if in-person access is not advisable, the facility will arrange for alternative communication with the ombudsman.
 - d. Representatives of protection and advocacy systems, as designated by the state, will be allowed access to the residents both formally and informally, by telephone, mail and in person.
14. Visitors will be advised to monitor for signs and symptoms of respiratory illness and report to the facility if symptoms are evident within 14 days after visiting the facility.
15. Visitors are not required to be COVID tested.