

# COVID-19 Visitation Guide









VHS recognizes visitation is an important part of ensuring our residents live their best life! In an effort to ensure this is done safely, we are providing this information to make you aware of the potential risks of visiting and necessary precautions related to COVID-19 that must be followed while visiting.

The VHS website (vhs.com) provides additional information and updates, including a weekly letter. Authorized individuals will also receive facility status updates via phone and/or email.

## Visit Safely with your loved ones!

- Core Principles of COVID-19 Infection Prevention for Visitations must be followed at all times.
- Entry to the Facility will require a screening for signs & symptoms of COVID-19 as well as questions regarding vaccination status.
- If community transmission levels are substantial or high, all residents (if tolerated) and visitors must wear source control, regardless of their vaccination status.
- Masks are required when in hallways or talking to staff or within 6 feet of other residents.
- Vaccinated persons do not need to wear source control during outdoor visits.
- All residents, regardless of the vaccination status of the resident or visitor, can choose to have close contact (including touch) with their visitors at any time. However, visitors should note the inherent risk of transmission of COVID-19 with close contact, especially if they or someone in their household are at increased risk for severe disease, immunocompromised, or unvaccinated.
- Our community's prevalence rate & outbreak status will determine if masking is needed in resident rooms. COVID-19 testing is encouraged before visitation for high/substantial community transmission.
- Visitors who are unable to adhere to the Core Principles of COVID-19 Infection Prevention may not visit or could be asked to leave.
- If you have any signs or symptoms of COVID-19 please consult with your primary physician and notify the facility right away of any positive COVID-19 result.

### Core Principles of COVID-19 Infection Prevention

 <p><b>Temperature &amp; Question Screening</b></p>	 <p><b>Hand Hygiene</b></p>
 <p><b>Social Distance at least 6'</b></p>	 <p><b>Face Covering or Mask</b></p>
 <p><b>Staff will-Clean &amp; Disinfect Often</b></p>	 <p><b>Separate areas for active COVID-19</b></p>
 <p><b>Resident and Staff Testing</b></p>	 <p><b>Instructional Signage Throughout</b></p>

**Appropriate use of PPE**

