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Revised Visitation Policy at The 80th Street Residence
regarding COVID-19

Policy: *The 80th Street Residence's* Visitation Policy follows the most recent NYS DOH guidance superseding all previously issued directives from the DOH and CDC.

Procedures:

Visitation Guidance

The 80th Street Residence adheres to DOH general guidelines and core principles regardless of whether there is a declared public health emergency.

- Immediate access must be provided to any visitors chosen by Residents including, but not limited to, immediate family and other relatives as well as any others of their choosing.
- Each Resident maintains the right to deny or withdraw their consent for any Visitor at any time.
- When a confirmed positive case of communicable disease is present in facility, the NYC DOH must be notified (if not already involved). Facility will follow their recommendations.
- Residents may be encouraged to wear Face Masks, but it is no required.
- We suggest that Visitors wear Face Masks during visits, but it is not required
- Core Principles of COVID-19 infection prevention must be adhered to at all times.
- Visitors are encouraged to maintain physical distance from other Residents and Facility Staff whenever possible.
- Visitors who fail screening temperature guidelines upon entry may still enter the community. We suggest that they refrain from visiting Residents but this is not required.
- **WITH THE EXCEPTION OF EMERGENCY PERSONNEL RESPONDING TO AN EMERGENCY, ALL WHO ENTER MUST BE SCREENED AT THE FRONT DESK BEFORE ENTERING AT THIS TIME. DOH IS REVIEWING THIS POLICY SO THIS MAY CHANGE.**



Guidelines for Visitors:

- No limit on number of visitors at one time
- No limit on frequency or length of visits
- No advance scheduling of visits is required

COMPASSIONATE CARE VISITORS MUST BE ALLOWED AT ALL TIMES

- In a shared accommodation, If roommate is unvaccinated or immunocompromised regardless of vaccination, visits are not allowed in Residents' room, if possible.
- However, If immunocompromised Resident/roommate is unable to leave room, in-room visitation is permitted while adhering to core principles of infection prevention.
- Though not recommended, Residents on transmission-based precautions or quarantine may receive visitors in their room with Resident wearing well-fitted facemask (if tolerated).
- Visitors will be informed of potential risk of visiting and precautions necessary if visiting in above situation.
- Visitors must adhere to core principles of infection prevention and 80th Street may offer well-fitting facemasks.
 - Facility is not required to provide PPE to visitors but will do so whenever possible.

Vaccination Status

- Facility may ask Visitors about Vaccination Status, but Visitors are not required to disclose status.
- Visitors are not required to be tested, vaccinated or show proof of such as condition of visitation.
- Such applies to representatives of the office of the State Long Term Care Ombudsman/peer bridgers, housing contractors, care managers and similar providers (collectively "Settlement Providers") and protection and advocacy representatives.
 - If provider as in above is planning to visit a Resident who is on quarantine or transmission-based precautions, an unvaccinated Resident, the Surveyor or



provider is made aware of potential risks and visit is to take place in Resident's room.

- If Resident or Provider requests alternative communication instead, facility must facilitate communication via phone or technology-based platform.
- All healthcare workers/staff must be permitted to come to community unless subject to work exclusion or are symptomatic for COVID-19
- Nothing absolves The 80th Street Residence of responsibility to perform required supervision services and to ensure that Resident and Family communication is ongoing.
- Based on Residents' needs and consistent with staffing and facility, visitation can be accommodated in a variety of means including Resident rooms, dedicated visitation spaces and outdoors – weather permitting.
- Visitation should always be person-centered with consideration of Residents' physical, mental and psychosocial well-being while supporting their individual quality of life.

Visitation by NY S DOH Representatives and Settlement providers

Facility shall not restrict visitation - absent reasonable cause that such would directly endanger the safety of Residents.

80th Street must facilitate in-person visitation consistent with the applicable regulations and within the parameters of DOH guidance.

Failure to facilitate visitation without adequate cause will result in an investigation and possible enforcement action.

Outings, Communal Activities and Dining

We reinstated communal activities – dining and Resident Council Meetings. Prior to resumption, we developed policies and procedures to monitor such to ensure adherence to Core Principles of infection control as well as regulatory supervision requirements. These policies are consistent with then current CDC recommendations for ALR. As such:

- Our facility does permit Residents to leave the facility (with supervision as needed in an SNALR)
- Staff reminds Resident/accompanying person to follow all infection prevention practices such as mask wearing, hand hygiene and physical distancing.



- Our Facility is required to have policies and procedures that respect Residents' rights and address infection control/prevention when Residents leave for outings such as:
 - If Resident becomes symptomatic for COVID-19, Resident is placed on transmission-based precautions regardless of vaccination status.
 - COVID-19 testing will be conducted by community in accordance with latest or current CDC and NYS DOH testing guidance.

Survey Considerations:

The 80th Street Residence is not permitted to restrict access to DOH Surveyors based on vaccination status.

- Any questions about the process used to ensure surveyors can safely enter facility can be addressed to DOH at covidadultcareinfo@health.ny.gov
- DOH surveyors will not enter community if they have a positive viral test for COVID-19, show signs or symptoms or currently meet criteria for quarantine. All adhere to core principles of COVID-19 infection prevention and to federal/State established infection prevention requirements.

Review of Visitation Requirements:

All Visitation must be conducted with strict adherence to the Core Principles for reducing the risk of COVID-19 transmission (copy attached) and in accordance with *The 80th Street Residence's* adopted and effective visitation plan.

All relevant COVID-19 infection control procedures must be communicated to staff, residents and visitors to keep them informed of the safeguards in place to safely conduct visitation at the community.

- Appropriate signage regarding facemask utilization, hand hygiene and social distancing as must be in place at the facility.
- Visitation is permitted seven days a week with 80th Street recommending visitation between the hours of hours 8am to 8pm.
- Outdoor visits are encouraged and may be conducted in our Backyard or Terrace, weather conditions permitting.



An updated Visitation Policy & Fact Sheet is regularly distributed via MailChimp (email) whenever changes are made and is also posted on *The 80th Street Residence* Website:

www.80thstreetresidence.com. Whenever possible, if a family member/representative is unable to access via email or website, a printed copy is provided upon request prior to the visit. The visitation plan is also maintained at the Front Desk so that it may be provided to visitors upon request.

1. Upon arrival, the Concierge at the Front Desk will provide a facemask to any visitor that does not have a face covering and will offer the opportunity to utilize readily available hand sanitizer to sanitize their hands before proceeding.
2. The screening of visitors includes their full name, home address, day/evening phone number, email address (if available). In addition, the name of the resident they are visiting and confirmation that the visitor has cleared screening protocols will be documented.
3. Documentation process includes
 - Completion of Temperature Check and questionnaire upon entry

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Core Principles for Reducing Risk of COVID-19

Adherence to Core Principles: Regardless of how visits are conducted certain core principles and best practices reduce the risk of COVID transmission including:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Anyone who fails the screening upon entry shall not be permitted entry to 80 th Street
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hand hygiene (preferably alcohol-based hand rub)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Use of face coverings or masks covering both mouth and nose
<input type="checkbox"/>	Social distancing between persons whenever possible
<input type="checkbox"/>	Signage throughout facility including proper visitor education on signs and symptoms, infection control precautions use of masks, hand hygiene, etc.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cleaning and disinfecting high frequency touched surfaces and designated visitation areas often
<input type="checkbox"/>	Appropriate staff use of PPE

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