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NURSING HOME VISITATION PLAN

Masonic Care Community is aware of the ongoing risk of transmission of respiratory viruses including COVID-19, influenza, RSV and the threat it poses to our vulnerable population. The formal visitation plan is necessary to protect all, including residents, team members, and their families. Masonic Care Community will adhere to the core principles of COVID-19 prevention which are consistent with CDC recommendations for Nursing Homes. Notifications will be made in accordance to CMS guidelines, including when the facility is in an outbreak period, and/or when visiting a resident who has been placed on transmission based precautions. The facility may need to alter the below visitation plan to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission during an outbreak investigation under direction from local health authorities.

Nursing Home Visitation Plan will consist of the following requirements:

1. All visitors will enter through specified entries, and must sign in and out for each visit.
2. Prior to each visit, visitors are required to perform passive screening for COVID-19 signs and symptoms, positive COVID-19 test result, and any direct exposure to a COVID-19 positive person. Non emergent visits should be deferred for any visitor that does not pass the passive screening process.
3. Visitors are encouraged to have an antigen COVID-19 test completed within 24hrs or a NAAT or PCR test completed within two days prior to coming to the facility. COVID-19 testing will be made available to all visitors if requested, as long as adequate testing supplies remain available.
4. Visitors are encouraged to remain up to date with their COVID-19 and influenza vaccinations.
5. All visitors and residents will be required to maintain proper infection control practices throughout the visits. This includes requirement for visitors to perform proper hand hygiene, ensure physical distancing, and wearing of a proper fitting face mask in accordance with facility policies. When in resident rooms/designated visit areas, both visitors and residents are encouraged to wear a facemask and socially distance to reduce the risk of possible transmission. The facility will make available products to assist in infection control practices.
6. Visits should be limited to resident rooms/designated areas as much as possible and the core principles of infection control and prevention must be followed throughout the duration of the visit.

References: CMS QSO-20-39-NH; NYSDOH Health Advisory: Nursing Home Visitor Testing and Screening for COVID-19, CDC

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7. Visitors will be permitted to participate in group activities (i.e., music/entertainment programs in the Atrium) with their loved one as long as they are able to properly physically distance from others, and are wearing a face mask in accordance with facility policies.
8. Facility staff members will assist with the monitoring of the visits to ensure adherence to the core principles of infection control and prevention, and will ensure the disinfection of areas following visitation.
9. All visitors must be able to adhere to the CDC core principles for infection prevention and control throughout the duration of his/her visit. Visitors will not be permitted to remain in the facility if they fail to adhere to these principles.
10. The facility will routinely review the Visitation Plan for compliance with the NYS Department of Health Nursing Home Visitor Testing & Screening for COVID-19 Health Advisory as well as changes to the CDC core principles for infection control and prevention.

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