

Spruce Court Resident Visitor Updates: 6/16/21

Here's a brief cheat sheet for visitor guidelines. As always – I realize nothing is simple. A lot of times it's case by case. We figure a lot out as we go because situations come up which we hadn't thought of before. Hopefully this helps clarify some of your questions:

Indoor Visits:

- **All Visitors will be screened for Signs and Symptoms of Covid 19:** This includes temperature checks, questions about, and observations of signs or symptoms of Covid 19. Any visitors with positive signs or symptoms of Covid 19 will be denied entry into the facility that day and for 14 days thereafter. This includes visitors who have been vaccinated. This also includes any visitors who have been in contact with a Covid 19 positive person within the last 14 days regardless of the visitor's vaccination status
- **Residents are Permitted 2-3 Visitors at one time in the facility:** This limits the amount of exposure, limits the amount of visitors walking in hallways at one time, and limits the amount of people in a resident's room at one time. Due to the small room sizes, distancing 6 feet is not feasible with more than 2-3 visitors in a room. Please call ahead to ensure we do not have too many people in the building or in the resident's room at 605-448-2412. We also have limited staff and therefore have specific hours of visiting based on when staff is available. Please call to find out if your planned visiting time is during visiting hours.
- **Residents may have more than one visiting sessions per day now:** still adhere to only having 2-3 visitors per resident per visit
- **Visitors must only go to the place they are visiting the resident:** Visitors **must only** visit the person they have made the appointment to see. They cannot be in common areas such as the dining or living areas, and they cannot walk in the hallways to see other residents in their rooms.
The exceptions for going room to room include:
 - Pastors visiting more than one resident
 - Healthcare workers seeing more than one residents who are not employed at this facility

- Contracted workers needing to work in more than one resident's room
- **Social Distancing must be maintained at least 6 feet between visitors and residents throughout the duration of the visit**
- **Children visiting must either be 12 years old or older, or be able to adhere to masking and social distancing at all times:** Please call Spruce Court if you have a child under the age of 12 you would like to have visit a resident. This must be approved by the Spruce Court Manager or the Director of Spruce Court prior to the visit.
- **Face mask covering the nose and mouth must be worn throughout the duration of the visit:** Facemasks cannot be removed by visitors in any common areas within Spruce Court for any reason. Therefore, visitors are not allowed to eat or drink within common areas of the facility at this time. This includes outdoor, indoor, and window visits with the window open.

At this time, 2 exceptions to this include:

- **The SD Department of Health stated during a recent meeting that facemasks may be removed in a resident's room if both the resident and the visitor(s) are all fully vaccinated AND the resident is comfortable with masks being removed.**
- **Pastors may preach sermons without their masks in the screened in porch while no resident is present in the screened in porch. Pastors may also receive communion with residents.**
- **Hand Hygiene:** All visitors must use hand hygiene upon arrival and upon leaving the facility and in between as needed. Alcohol – based hand rub is preferred.
- **When designated visiting areas are used, they will be cleaned and disinfected by staff between visits:**
- **Any visitors not adhering to these regulations may be asked to leave.**

Outdoor Visits on Facility Areas:

- **Gatherings must be limited to 5 or less visitors**
- **Children are permitted as long as they remain distanced from the resident and the resident can remain masked**
- **If the visitors are not vaccinated, the resident and the visitors must remain masked at all times**
- **If the visitors are vaccinated, masks may be removed if the resident is comfortable doing so**

Outings:

- **We are no longer screening drivers**
- **We will be continuing to do risk assessments as before:** those found to be at high risk of exposure to covid 19 during their outing will need to adhere to masking and distancing from other residents for a full 14 days after the outing if vaccinated. If unvaccinated – a quarantine may be required. Please understand this is vital regardless of vaccine status to protect our residents and staff!

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