

MEADOW PARK REHABILITATION AND HEALTH CARE CENTER

Administrative

<u>SUBJECT:</u>	<u>Covid-19</u>	POLICY: Limited Visitation	
CIRCULATED TO: ALL DEPARTMENTS	ALL DEPARTMENTS	EFFECTIVE DATE: 9/9/2020	REVISED: 9/17/2020
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POLICY:

It is the policy of Meadow Park Rehabilitation and Health Care Center to resume limited visitation following the guidelines outlined by NYSDOH. This directive details specific criteria Nursing Homes must follow for reducing such restrictions, while mitigating the risk of resurgence of COVID-19. Limited visitation does not replace virtual visits nor does it change the guidance previously issued relative to visitation for medically necessary or end of life services.

DEFINITION:

State Department of Health Commissioner Dr. Howard Zucker announced on July 10, 2020, nursing homes and long term care facilities in New York will be allowed to resume limited visitations for facilities that have been without COVID-19 for at least 28 days, a threshold set by the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. Residents in these facilities will be allowed two visitors at a time, and the visitors must undergo temperature checks, wear face coverings and socially distance during the visit. At least one of the two visitors must be 18 years of age or older. For each facility, only up to 10 percent of the residents can be allowed visitors at any time; for example, in a 100-bed facility no more than 10 residents can have visitors per day in order to maintain proper social distancing and ensure safe compliance.

PROCEDURE:

1. Visits will be limited to outdoor patio only, weather permitting (*this does not apply to special circumstances and end of life visits*).
2. Visitor expectation signage is posted in screening area and in visitation areas.

3. Signage regarding social distancing, face mask utilization and hand hygiene are posted.
4. All visitors excluded emergency end of life visits will be required to have a negative covid-19 test in the last 7 days. The 7 days start from the swab date.
5. All visitors must be screened for COVID-19 at security check point via paper forms or via our welcome software, and complete visitor contact information including: Name, address, phone number, and email address if available.
6. Temperature will be taken.
7. Visitors and Residents must wear a face covering for the duration of the visit.
8. Meadow Park Rehabilitation and Health Care Center will provide surgical face mask/ PPE to visitors and residents as needed.
9. PPE will be kept at the front desk.
10. Visitation will be refused if the individual exhibits any COVID-19 symptoms, has a temperature greater than 99°F, does not pass the screening questions or refuses to wear a face covering.
11. Residents with COVID-19 signs or symptoms, and residents in a 14-day quarantine or observation period are not eligible for visits.
12. Hand hygiene stations are available upon entry, exit and in designated areas on the outdoor patio.
13. Visits will be limited to half hour intervals, i.e. 10am-10:30 am, 11:45-12:15pm, etc.
14. Visits will be set by appointment only via https://calendly.com/meadow_park_visitation/schedule-a-visit or by calling the Admissions Department/designee 718-591-8300 ext. 738
15. Visitors will be assigned to a table socially distant 6 feet apart as indicated by floor signage.
16. Limit of 2 visitors per resident seated opposite of resident at table. At this time no visitors under the age of 18 are allowed.
17. Recreation or other designated staff will assist with the transition of residents and monitoring of visitation.
18. Housekeeping staff / designee will clean tables and chairs after each visit with EPA approved disinfectant and document each cleaning in logbook.
19. If any visitor fails to adhere to the protocol, he/she/they will be prohibited from visiting for the duration of the COVID-19 state declared public health emergency.