Visitation Guidelines and Determining Visitation Status

Current Visitation Guidelines are posted at Long-Term Care COVID-19 Plan, Visitation, MDHHS; the current emergency order can be found here which provides detailed guidance regarding visitation, testing, and reporting.

Updated Healthcare Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations in Response to COVID-19 Vaccination - VISITATION, (CDC), provides additional information.

Core Principles of COVID-19 Infection Prevention

Visitation can be conducted through different means based on a facility’s structure and residents’ needs, such as in resident rooms, dedicated visitation spaces, outdoors, and for circumstances beyond compassionate care situations. Regardless of how visits are conducted, there are certain core principles and best practices that reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission:

- Screen all who enter the facility.
- Provide for hand hygiene (alcohol based hand rub is preferred).
- Require visitors follow recommended masking and social distancing guidelines.
- Provide instructional signage throughout the facility for visitor education.
- Clean and disinfect high-frequency touched surfaces often, and in designated visitation areas after each visit.
- Follow current MDHHS guidance on cohorting of residents, testing of staff/residents, and have staff use appropriate PPE.¹

Screening Visitors and Sample Forms

Screening of all who enter the facility for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 (e.g., temperature checks, questions about and observations of signs or symptoms), and denial of entry of those with signs or symptoms or those who have had close contact with someone with COVID-19 infection in the prior 14 days (regardless of the visitor’s vaccination status).¹ Sample Visitor Screening Tool, ICHD Sample Visitor Log, ICHD

¹ QSO-20-39-NH REVISED (cms.gov)
### Signage

- Indicate when there is a COVID-19 positive employee/resident (continue to display poster until 14 days after the last positive COVID-19 test result of employee or resident). ² *Sample Facility Positive for COVID-19*, ICHD
- Inform visitors they will be assessed for COVID-19 prior to entry. *Sample Building Health Screening Signage*, ICHD
- Post educational materials on hand washing and sanitation (*sample signage*): *Hand Washing*, ICHD  *Slow the Spread*, ICHD  *Social Distancing*, ICHD  
  
  *For Your Safety in our Building*, ICHD  
  *Could I have a COVID-19, cold, or flu?*, ICHD  
  *Hand Sanitizer and Hand Washing*, CDC

For additional posters, and posters in multiple languages, visit: *Ingham County COVID-19* and *Print Resources*.

### For Questions Regarding MDHHS Guidance

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**General Questions:**  [MDHHS-COVID-AFC-HFA-Response@michigan.gov](mailto:MDHHS-COVID-AFC-HFA-Response@michigan.gov)

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² [May 21, 2021 - Requirements for Residential Care Facilities - Rescission of March 17, 2021](https://www.michigan.gov/ichd-7473-77403-1270265$(day)-77407-1270265$(month)-1270265$(year))