



Fellowship Village Health Center Visitation – Revised 02/02/22

Regular indoor visitation of residents is in effect at Fellowship Village’s Health Center based on the below protocol and precautions which must be strictly followed to help protect residents from COVID-19 infection. Visitors are **strongly urged to obtain *full COVID-19 vaccination** which for purposes of visitation includes the booster as eligible. *Full vaccination is deemed complete 2 weeks after the primary series vaccine is administered and, if eligible, 2 weeks after the latest, available booster dose. Full COVID-19 vaccination significantly minimizes the risk for severe COVID-19 illness, hospitalization, and fatality.

Visitation Protocol:

- *While the COVID-19 activity level is “high” and “very high” in our region and surrounding communities, all visitors, regardless of vaccination status, are **strongly encouraged** to obtain COVID-19 viral testing before visiting. It is recommended to test **1 to 3 days** in advance and quarantine at home until the visit. Rapid antigen testing is suitable.

Note: A visitor may be infected with COVID-19 and be asymptomatic, therefore, although it’s not fully safe proof, testing helps to minimize the risk for COVID-19 transmission to your loved one.

- **No more than 4 people may visit at once due to limited physical space and distancing needs.**
- On arrival visitor must enter through the Health Center Entrance and **log-in at Receptionist desk.**
- Receptionist will ask for vaccination status (COVID-19 vaccination card or picture thereof). Receptionist will offer visitor a vaccination confirmation card for presenting to the Receptionist during future visits.
- Visitor **must be screened** with temperature check and **sign consent** form at Receptionist’s desk. The screening must be passed to proceed with visitation.
- Visitors must always wear a well-fitting surgical or N95 (or equivalent) face mask in communal areas and hallways.
- **Practice frequent hand hygiene**, i.e., hand washing or hand sanitizing when soap and water are unavailable.
 - Always perform hand hygiene on arrival. Complete hand hygiene after touching eyes or mask, before and after physical contact with resident, when visibly soiled, after rest room use and upon leaving.
- Visitors must physically distance (6 feet or more) from others as best possible while walking to resident’s suite. Follow signs to resident’s suite. **Walking is not permitted elsewhere.**

Fellowship Village Life Plan Community (CCRC)

- Independent Living
- Assisted Living
- Memory Care
- Skilled Nursing
- Sub-Acute Rehabilitation
- Outpatient Rehab & Wellness

Fellowship Medical Group

- Geriatric and Specialty Medicine
- Fellowship Therapy at Home**
- Fellowship Freedom Plans**

Fellowship Helping Hands

- Fellowship Garden State Hospice**
- Fellowship Cultural Arts Center**
- Fellowship Foundation**

- Visit only in resident's suite or designated area as directed by the nurse.
 - **Due to limited spacing, if a roommate is present, visitation must be in a separate, designated area in the household**, such as, den, or in suite if roommate is not present. Please call the Household Coordinator for questions.
- **If visitor or resident is not fully vaccinated or visitor does not show proof of *full vaccination (includes booster as eligible)**, visitor **must wear a mask at all times** in the resident's suite (besides in communal areas). The risk for severe COVID-19 illness is much greater when not fully vaccinated/boosted.

While the COVID-19 activity level (CALI) is "high" or greater in this region and surrounding communities, **all visitors, regardless of vaccination status, must wear a mask and **physically distance** while visiting in the resident's suite or designated area. **Residents should also wear** a mask if tolerated. Refer to: <https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/statistics/covid/#1> for weekly CALI reports.

****Residents may choose to have physical touch based on their needs, regardless of vaccination status; however, this personal choice places residents and visitors who are not *fully vaccinated at greater risk for severe COVID-19 illness.**

- ****When the COVID-19 activity level (CALI) is "low" to "moderate", and in accordance with resident's wishes:**
 - While it is safer to wear a mask and physically distance, visitors who show full proof of vaccination may choose not to wear a mask and have physical contact with resident who is *fully vaccinated and in a private suite (or designated visiting area if roommate present). This is not recommended for residents who are moderately to severely immunocompromised. Please check with the nurse.
 - Visitors who show proof of *full vaccination may dine with *fully vaccinated resident in her/his private suite. Visitor may also dine separately with resident in the private dining room with door closed. A **mask must be worn when not eating or drinking**. **Physical distance (6 feet or more) must be maintained between others**.
- One pet is allowed during visitation but must be kept physically distant from others.
- Weather permitting, **outdoor visitation is strongly encouraged for residents and visitors who are not *fully vaccinated**. Patios and courtyards are available for outdoor visiting. Follow above protocol for log-in, screening, consent, and COVID-19 precautions, such as, hand hygiene, and mask wearing.
- It's safer for visitors **to not visit** during an outbreak investigation due to a greater risk for COVID-19 infection. If a resident from an affected household would like a visit, visitor must wear appropriate **PPE (Personal Protective Equipment)** based on instructions from the nurse. Resident should also wear a mask if tolerated.
- **Quarantined residents** including those with COVID-19 or known exposure may be visited based on the wishes of the resident. ***** Proper PPE, such as, N95 mask, face shield and gown must be worn** per instructions given.

***** PPE is not an absolute safeguard against COVID-19. There is a risk of becoming infected with COVID-19 due to the highly contagious nature of this infection, especially of the Omicron variant.**
- In rare instances, regular visitation may be temporarily limited or paused in the case of an outbreak. Communication will be provided to visitors accordingly.
- Limited visitation based on the need for compassionate support may also be recommended by the physician for residents with certain health conditions that compromise immunity.