



We welcome all visitors to our website.

Our goal is to make it as easy as possible for all people including those with hearing, vision, or any other disability to learn about our Home. We are offering in-person visitation. Visitation guidelines are attached on the following page. We also offer FaceTime, Skype, Zoom and porch visits for families.

Please contact us!

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## **Visitor Guidelines for Limited In-Person Visitation During COVID-19.**

The Clara Welch Thanksgiving Home welcomes visits from family and friends. Visitation will be conducted in accordance with the New York State Department of Health, March 3, 2022, "Revised Visitation Guidance for Adult Care Facilities". To help keep our Home safe, we encourage all visitors to get vaccinated against COVID-19, wear a mask, and distance from others are 6 feet as this will help protect you and others from reducing the spread of COVID-19. We continue with enhanced sanitization protocols and regular health screenings for residents and staff.

### **General Guidelines**

- Visiting hours are unrestricted, but please be considerate of resident meal times.
- Vaccination against COVID-19 is not required for entry, but strongly recommended.
- Visitors must be at least 18 years old or accompanied by an adult.
- There is no limit to the number visitors per resident, however, the space must be able to accommodate physical distancing.
- Residents may have visitors at any time, frequency, and for the duration they choose, and they can deny or withdraw consent for a visit at any time.
- Indoor visits may take place in the resident's room or the conference room. Outdoor visits on Brooks porch are encouraged when weather permits, as this poses less risk of transmission of the virus.
- Compassionate care visits are permitted at any time.
- Please do not visit if you are sick. Visitors will be screened upon arrival for signs and symptoms of COVID-19. Visitation will not be permitted if an individual exhibits symptom or does not pass the screening.
- Visitors are required to wear a well-fitting mask that covers the nose and mouth and are expected to perform hand hygiene before and after the visit. Visitors must physically distance from staff and other residents and visitors in the common areas.
- Please proceed directly to and from the visitation area. No wandering and convening in common areas is permitted.
- We reserve the right to ask any visitor who is not adhering to the guidelines, to leave the building
- In the event of a COVID positive case, we will follow guidance from our local health department. Visitors are allowed during an outbreak and will be informed of this situation and the risk involved with visitation. In this case, visits will only be permitted in the resident's room and masks should be worn by both residents and visitor regardless of vaccination status.

### **Visitor process during COVID-19**

1. Enter and exit through the Maple Street entrance.
2. All visitors must wear well-fitting mask throughout the building. If a mask is needed, one will be provided to you.

3. Instructional signage is posted at the entryway and throughout the building informing visitors on COVID-19 signs and symptoms and the requirements to distance at 6 feet, wear a face mask, and to use hand sanitizer before and after a visit.
4. Visitors for both indoor and outdoor visits will be screened at the entrance by a staff member. An employee will take your temperature and you will be given a form to complete and sign. If you display symptoms, fail the screening questionnaire, or have a temperature of 100 degrees or higher, you will not be permitted to visit.
5. A hand sanitizing station is located at the entrance. Please sanitize your hands at the entryway (and again before you leave). Several sanitizing stations are also located throughout the visitation areas for use during your visit, if needed.
6. After using hand sanitizer, staff will direct you to the visit location.
7. Visitors are limited to the direct route to and from the visit location and not permitted in throughout the building.
8. Please maintain 6-foot distance from staff, residents and other visitors as you move through the building.
9. Once in the visitation area, residents and visitors should wear a mask and spatially distance as this reduces the risk of transmission of the COVID-19 virus. The COVID-19 virus primarily is spread when one person breathes in droplets or aerosols that are produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or breathes. Physical distancing and masking help protect you, the resident, and others by reducing the chance of spreading the virus.
10. A resident can choose to have close contact (hugging or touching) with their visitor(s) in the room, but this does increase the risk of transmission and the chance of contracting the virus. Close contact is safest if the resident and visitor are up to date with vaccination, both the visitor and resident are masked, and hand sanitizer is used before and after contact.
11. Once done visiting, please return to the main floor, alert a staff member that you are ready to exit the building, and we will let you out.
12. Visitors will sanitize hands at one of the sanitizing stations before exiting.
13. After the visit, staff will sanitize the visitation area and any touch points along the way.

We encourage and support all residents to continue to use FaceTime, Zoom, and phone calls to visit with family and friends. Please let us know if we can help arrange this for you.

