

# Visitation Requirements Guidelines

## for Long-Term Care facilities

### OUTDOOR VISITATION



- Create accessible & safe spaces
- **MUST** continue except during inclement weather or resident health status changes
- **NOT** permitted for confirmed COVID-19 infection or in quarantine
- COVID-19 outbreak status is **NOT** considered a reason to suspend outdoor visitation



### INDOOR VISITATION

**\*\*Indoor visitation MUST always be allowed. (\*\*Visitation Limitation & \*\*Indoor Visitation During an Outbreak)**

- Length of visit should **NOT** be limited
  - o Semi-private room – More than one visitor/per resident must be allowed if desired but must be able to ensure social distancing. The privacy curtain should be pulled
  - o Private room – Vaccinated resident any number of vaccinated visitors as space allows
  - o No limit to number of visits per day/week, including same visitor daily



**\*\*Visitation limitation – due to high risk of COVID-19 transmission:**

- o Unvaccinated residents, if county positivity rate is > 10% & < 70% of resident in facility are fully vaccinated.
- o Any residents with confirmed COVID-19 infection – until criteria to discontinue transmission-based precautions; or

### **\*\*INDOOR VISITATION DURING AN OUTBREAK**

**(this section only pertains to SNF/NFs):**



When a new case of COVID-19 among residents or staff is identified, a facility should begin outbreak testing and suspend all indoor visitation immediately until at least one round of facility-wide testing is completed.

#### **VISITATION CAN RESUME BASED ON THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:**

- If the first round of outbreak testing reveals no additional COVID-19 cases in other areas (e.g., units) of the facility, then visitation can resume for residents in areas/units with no COVID-19 cases. However, the facility should suspend visitation on the affected unit until the facility meets the criteria to discontinue outbreak testing.
- If the first round of outbreak testing reveals one or more additional COVID-19 cases in other areas/units of the facility (e.g., new cases in two or more units), then facilities should suspend visitations for all residents (vaccinated and unvaccinated), until the facility meets the criteria to discontinue outbreak testing, meaning every 3-7 days until no new COVID-19 case is identified in a 14-day period.