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at Sunset Lake Rehab

Policy & Procedure

Visitation in Regards to COVID-19

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POLICY:

It is the policy of The Care Center at Sunset Lake to ensure optimal infection control during a pandemic.

PROCEDURE:

Due to the current Omicron COVID-19 outbreak throughout the State of New York, the New York State Department of Health is issuing this Health Advisory under 10 NYCRR §415.19 to implement the following requirements for staff and testing protocols for all visitors entering a nursing home in New York State during the duration of the Omicron outbreak:

All visitors must show proof of a COVID test for visitation. Any of the following options meet the criteria:

- Proof of a negative rapid test within 24 hours of the visit OR
- Proof of a negative PCR test within 48 hours of the visit OR
- If a visitor visits daily they must provide proof every third day. For example day one, day four, day seven, etc. (Essentially every 3 days)

Please collect whatever proof they show of such. If they have a copy of a result, make a copy and put in file. All records of proof will be stored electronically by the administrative assistant the next business day.

If they do not have proof or a copy they must complete a rapid antigen test at the facility prior to visiting. We will not accept pictures of a test. Only proof of a negative result.

If a visitor enters with their own physical rapid antigen test from home already completed they must bring it and show proof, write their name and date of the swab on the test itself. Reception should complete the facility rapid swab form and write on the form "test conducted at home" with the information you have.

If the visitor does not have proof of a PCR or antigen test within the set timeframe they can complete an IHealth rapid antigen test at the facility. If they complete an IHealth Rapid Antigen Test at the facility please complete next steps:

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1. Give the visitor the test, have them perform the test, they may wait in the until the test results and cannot wander the building (you should not swab the visitor)
 - a. Visitors may also take the test to their vehicle to swab themselves and wait for the rapid test result.
 - b. Rapid tests are not to be left on the reception desk for the required 15 minutes while the visitor waits.
 - i. They can go to the lab, or the visitor can bring them back with them from their vehicle when they have waited the 15 minutes required for the test result to appear.
2. Receptionists completes records the rapid result on the screening form as well as in the rapid test testing log. If negative they can visit, if positive they must leave.
3. Reception is to keep these screening forms in the book at the front desk

All visitors must wear a paper or surgical mask, they CANNOT wear a cloth mask.

This policy does NOT apply to ombudsman or EMS workers. It also does NOT apply to compassionate caregivers that are visiting end of life patients (please get this approved by Nursing Supervisor, DON or Administrator prior).

If you see a visitor symptomatic, or stating they were exposed please ask them to leave and not visit. If you have any issues with visitors please call the nursing supervisor, Nursing administration or The Administrator.

These results will not need to be recorded in ECLRS or HERDS per NYS DOH