

## NORTHWOOD DEACONESS HEALTH CENTER

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POLICY: NDHC is committed to following the most current recommended guidelines for outdoor visitation regarding COVID19.

### Infection control:

1. The resident and any visitors will be masked during the visit. Visitors are to bring their own masks, if not one will be provided.
2. Visitors shall be limited to no more than 2 or 3 at a time. If the visitor comes from within the facility such as assisted living or independent living, the activity department will screen the visitor. If the visitor comes from outside the facility, they will be screened at our main entrance.
3. All new visitors shall acknowledge by signature that they have received, understand, and will comply with the infection control guidelines, as stated in the Outdoor Visitation Agreement.
4. There will be 6 feet minimum maintained as social distancing between the resident and any/ all visitors. No hugging, kissing, touching at any time.
5. All visits will be monitored by staff
6. Hand hygiene by all visitors and residents prior to and after the visit is required.
7. Due to the seriousness of the virus, if visitors fail to follow the guidelines, the visit will be terminated, and future visitation will not be allowed.

### Internal procedures:

1. Tables will be used to help with maintaining social distancing requirements. Tables and chairs will be sanitized before and after each visit.
2. The activity and nursing departments will identify areas suitable for outside visiting
3. The activity department will take calls and schedule visits. The activity department will notify nursing at least 30 minutes prior to the start of a visit so the resident will be dressed and ready. Visits will be available Monday through Friday 9 AM to 12 PM for 30 minutes. And should be arranged by 3 PM the day prior to the visit.
4. Activity department will monitor the visits and may schedule multiple resident / family interactions as they are able. Activities may ask other departments to help as needed.
5. For external visits, once screened, the nurse will call the activity department to let them know a visitor is here. The activity employee will direct the visitor to the outside visitation area without walking them through the facility.
6. Visits may be limited at the discretion of the activity department.

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### OUTDOOR VISITATION AGREEMENT

1. The visitor will be screened prior to the visit.
2. The resident and any visitors will be masked during the visit. Please provide your own mask.
3. Visitors shall be limited to no more than 2 or 3 at a time.
4. All visits will be monitored by staff
5. There will be 6 feet minimum maintained as social distancing between the resident and any/all visitors. No hugging, kissing, touching at any time.
6. Hand hygiene by all visitors and residents prior to and after the visit is required.
7. Visits may be limited at the discretion of the activity department.
8. To schedule a visit, please call the activity department at 701-587-6431. Visits will be available Monday through Friday 9 AM to 12 PM for 30 minutes. Please call by 3 PM the day prior to the visit.
9. Due to the seriousness of the virus, if visitors fail to follow the guidelines, the visit will be terminated, and future visitation will not be allowed.

I understand and agree to comply with the above stated infection control guidelines and agreement.

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Signature of visitor

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Date