



November 15, 2021

To all Healthcare and Personal Care Residents and Families,

In March of 2020, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), provided guidance to Long-Term Care Facilities on restricting visitation, except for certain compassionate care situations. On November 11, 2021, CMS revised this guidance and we've outlined the changes below:

- Residents may have visitors without limitations of frequency, length of visits, number of visitors or with advance scheduling and the visit occurs in a manner that does not place other residents at risk.
- Visitation can be conducted through different means based on the resident needs, such as resident rooms, dedicated visitation spaces, and outdoor.
- Outdoor visitation is preferred when a resident and/or visitor(s) are not fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and weather permitting.
- Indoor visitation is permitted at all times for all residents, while adhering to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) core principles of COVID-19 infection prevention applicable to visitation as identified below:
 - Visitors who have a positive viral test for COVID-19, symptoms of COVID-19, or currently meet the criteria for quarantine, should not enter the facility. We will continue to screen all who enter for these visitation exclusions, therefore all visitors are required to enter and exit through the main Hurter entrance to be screened in and out.
 - Performance of hand hygiene, before and after visitation.
 - Face covering or mask (covering mouth and nose) and physical distancing at least six feet between people, in accordance with CDC guidance.
 - See below for specific guidance related to face covering or masking.
 - **In order to ensure physical distancing**, indoor visitation in **resident rooms** is limited to two visitors per room at a one time. Visits with greater than 2 visitors, shall occur in an approved designated location and are encouraged to be time limited (to ensure all residents have the same opportunity for visitation). To guarantee availability of designated visitation locations, Calvary Homes encourages, but does not require these visits be scheduled in advance.
 - Instructional signage throughout the facility and proper visitor education on COVID-19 signs and symptoms, infection control precautions, other applicable facility practices (e.g., use of face covering or mask, specified entries, exits and routes to designated areas, hand hygiene)



- Cleaning and disinfecting high-frequency touched surfaces in the facility often, and designated visitation areas after each visit.
- Visitors will wear the appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) necessary given the resident's clinical condition. All PPE will be provided by Calvary Homes. If given a face shield, goggles, or other protective eyewear, the visitor is responsible to disinfect the PPE before and after each use and maintain/store it independently between visits.
 - When the county level of transmission is substantial to high all residents (if safe) and visitors, regardless of vaccination status, must wear a face covering or mask.
 - In areas of low to moderate transmission, when the resident and **all** visitors are fully vaccinated, the resident is not moderately or severely immunocompromised, and while alone in the resident's room or the designated visitation room, residents and their visitor(s) can choose to not wear a face covering or mask. Visitors must wear a face covering or masks when around other residents or staff regardless of vaccination status.
 - Residents may also choose to have physical touch based on their preferences and needs, such as with support persons for individuals with disabilities and visitors participating in certain religious practices, including in end-of-life situations.
- Visitation in semi-private rooms, should not be conducted in the resident room if a resident's roommate is unvaccinated or immunocompromised (regardless of vaccination status).
- Visitors are encouraged to be tested, on their own, 2-3 days before coming to the facility. Additionally, Calvary Homes encourages visitors to become vaccinated against COVID-19 and may ask about visitor vaccination status, however, visitors are not required to be tested, vaccinated, or show proof of vaccination as a condition of visitation. If a visitor declines to disclose their vaccination status, the visitor should wear a face covering or mask at all times.

The health and safety of our residents and staff is our primary concern. We want to reassure you we will remain vigilant in our efforts to reduce the risks associated with COVID-19. Thank you for trusting us with your care. Resident and families may contact Tess Picarelli, PC Administrator at tpicarelli@calvaryhomes.org or (717) 824-8873, Stefanie Melick, DON for Healthcare at smelick@calvaryhomes.org or (717) 824-8815 or Dani Martin, VP of Health Services at dmartin@calvaryhomes.org or (717) 824-8829 with questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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