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Recent updates to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) guidelines now allow for open visitation inside the facility, which may occur in the resident rooms. Adherence to core principles of COVID-19 infection prevention is of the utmost importance. If you prefer to have a private designated space available for visiting with your loved ones, we will have individual rooms available on a first come, first serve basis.

Here are the current IDVA Visitation Guidelines:

Visitors must always wear a "well fitted mask". A "well fitted mask" is defined as a mask that fits closely on the face without any gaps. Cloth masks, bandanas, and neck gators do not qualify as well-fitted masks and are not authorized for wear in IDVA facilities. IDVA can provide visitors with the appropriate mask.

All visitors are encouraged to be tested for COVID-19, within 2-3 days before their visit. **COVID-19 rapid test will be strongly encouraged upon entrance to the home.**

A visitor should not visit for 10 full days after a positive test regardless of vaccination status.

All visitors under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

All visitors will be screened upon entrance. Visitors who have symptoms consistent with COVID-19 will be discouraged.

After screening, all visitors should report directly to the resident room / designated visiting location and remain in that location for the duration of the visit.

All visitors should physically distance from other residents and staff of the facility.

Hand hygiene is required prior to and after each visit.

Visitation is contingent on compliance with these guidelines. Visitors who are unable to adhere to the core principles of COVID-19 infection prevention will not be permitted and will be asked to leave.

As always, our top priority is the health and safety of our veteran heroes and the devoted staff who care for them.

Finally, while it is safer for visitors not to enter the facility during an outbreak, visits, while still allowed, will be highly discouraged. We wish to thank you in advance for following our visitation guidelines in an effort to keep you and your loved one safe.

Sincerely,

Angela Simmons
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