

## CMS Updates Nursing Home Guidance with Revised Visitation Recommendations

Please note that the current State Health Order issued by Governor Kay Ivey on March 6, 2021, limits visitors to two at a time. We are working to get clarification on this. Until further notice, please note that visitors are limited to two in accordance with this State Health Order.

### Indoor Visitation

Andalusia Manor will allow responsible indoor visitation at all times and for all residents, regardless of vaccination status of the resident, or visitor, unless certain scenarios arise that would limit visitation for:

- Unvaccinated residents if; 1) the COVID-19 county positivity rate is greater than 10 percent; and 2) less than 70 percent of residents in the facility are fully vaccinated;
- Residents with confirmed COVID-19 infection, whether vaccinated or unvaccinated until they have met the criteria to discontinue transmission-based precautions; or
- Residents in quarantine, whether vaccinated or unvaccinated, until they have met criteria for release from quarantine.

### Indoor Visitation During an Outbreak

While outbreaks increase the risk of COVID-19 transmission, Andalusia Manor will not restrict visitation for all residents as long as there is evidence that the transmission of COVID-19 is contained to a single area (e.g., unit) of the facility.

Andalusia Manor will continue to adhere to CMS regulations and guidance for COVID-19 testing, including routine staff testing, testing of individuals with symptoms, and outbreak testing.

- When a new case of COVID-19 among residents or staff is identified, a facility should immediately begin outbreak testing and suspend all visitation 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 visitation for all residents (vaccinated and unvaccinated), until the facility meets the criteria to discontinue outbreak testing.

### Compassionate Care Visits

Compassionate care visits, and visits required under federal disability rights law, should be allowed at all times, regardless of a resident's vaccination status, the county's COVID-19 positivity rate, or an outbreak.

## Andalusia Manor Visitor Do's and Don'ts

### Do

- **Do** use alcohol-based hand sanitizer before, during and after your visit.
- **Do** wear a mask covering your mouth and nose during your entire visit in the facility.
- **Do** maintain social distance of at least six feet from staff and residents.
- **Do** go directly to your loved one's room. (Please do not walk around different halls in the facility.)

### Don'ts

- **Don't** remove your mask while in the facility.
- **Don't** leave the designated visitation area.
- **Don't** come to the facility if you have any symptoms – coughing, sore throat, fever, vomiting, diarrhea, loss of sense of taste or smell – even if you attribute these symptoms to some other cause (allergies or cold).
- **Don't** come to the facility if you have been in close contact with someone with Covid19 in the last 14 days, regardless of your vaccination status.