

Addendum to NYS Forward Safety Plan

1. Visiting hours are 7 days per week, 24 hours a day. Preferred visitation is from 11am to 7pm. Visitation during meal times is strongly discouraged as in most circumstances visitation at these times would not maintain the Core Principles of Covid-19 Infection Prevention and thus not permissible. *Visitors should call the facility for more information if they would like to be able to visit during meal times.*
2. All visitors (regardless of vaccination status) must wear a face covering or mask and physically distance (this includes socially distancing yourself from the resident you are visiting) at all times throughout the visit. Although there is no limit to the number of visitors that a resident may have at one time, physical distancing must still be maintained during visitation as a Core Infection Control Principle for Covid-19. Therefore, large gatherings or parties cannot be permitted.
3. **Visitors, including long-term care ombudsmen, will be screened for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 prior to resident access, and visitation will be refused if the individual exhibits any COVID-19 symptoms, or does not pass screening questions.**
4. Outdoor visitation is preferred, whenever practicable, if the resident and/or visitor is not fully vaccinated against Covid-19.
5. In certain situations (*when possible*) if the resident's roommate has an *individual circumstance* that makes it advisable to **not** conduct the visit in the room you will be notified at the time of visitation that the visit should not take place in the room. In such a case you may visit in other locations specified below.
6. Visitation during a Covid-19 Out Break Investigation is not restricted; however, visitors are advised that it is safest to refrain from visiting during the investigation.
7. The facility strongly encourages visitors to be tested on their own prior to coming to the facility (e.g., within two-three days).
8. The facility will offer testing to any visitor who would like to be tested.
9. **For situations where there is a roommate and the health status of the resident prevents leaving the room, the facility will attempt to enable in-room visitation while adhering to the Core Principles of Infection Prevention for Covid-19. In such case the visitors must go to the resident's room and not any other area in the facility.**
10. **Visitors should limit movement in the facility and go directly to the resident's room or designated visitation area and exit through the front reception area.**
11. Staff will provide monitoring for those who may have difficulty adhering to core principles of infection control.
12. Visitation is inclusive of, but not limited to, family members, loved ones, representatives from the long-term care ombudsman program (LTCOP), and resident advocacy organizations.
 - a. Adequate staff will be present to allow for personnel to help with the transition of residents, monitoring of visitation, and cleaning and disinfecting areas used for visitation after each visit using an EPA-approved disinfectant.
 - b. Long Island Care Center will maintain signage regarding facemask utilization and hand hygiene and will use applicable floor markings to cue social distancing delineations.
 - c. Visitors are screened for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 prior to resident access and visitation will be refused if the individual(s) exhibits any COVID-19 symptoms or do not

pass the screening questions. Screening shall consist of both temperature checks and asking screening questions to assess potential exposure to COVID-19. Screening questions will be scanned and transferred to a USB drive to be made available upon the Department's request. Additionally, in certain situations, you may be provided with an educational form that you will be required to acknowledge with your signature.

- d. Screening for each visitor to the nursing home will include:
 - i. First and last name of the visitor;
 - ii. Physical (street) address of the visitor;
 - iii. Daytime and evening telephone number;
 - iv. Date and time of visit;
 - v. A notation indicating the individual cleared the screening (both temperature and questions).
 - e. Adequate PPE will be made available by the nursing home to ensure residents wear a facemask or face covering which covers both the nose and mouth during visitation.
 - f. Visitors must wear a face mask or face covering which covers both the nose and mouth at all times when on the premises of the nursing home. Visitors must maintain social distancing from all residents and staff. The nursing home will have adequate supply of masks on hand for visitors and will make them available to visitors who lack an acceptable face covering.
 - g. Long Island Care Center will provide alcohol-based hand rub, consisting of at least 60 percent (60%) alcohol, to residents, visitors, and representatives of the long-term care ombudsman visiting residents and those individuals must be able to demonstrate appropriate use.
 - h. While not recommended, residents who are on transmission-based precautions or quarantine can still receive visitors, but these visits should be conducted in the resident's room and the resident should wear a well-fitting facemask (if tolerated). Additionally, prior to visiting residents on transmission-based precautions or quarantine, visitors will be made aware of the potential risks of visiting and precautions necessary in order to visit the resident. Visitors should also adhere to the Core Principles of Covid-19 Infection Prevention and wear appropriate PPE.
 - i. Long Island Care Center has developed a short easy to read General Visitor Information & Guidelines form outlining visitor expectations including appropriate hand hygiene and face coverings. The form will be provided upon initial screening to all visitors.
13. Residents may also be assisted to go outdoors with staff supervision. The appropriate infection control and safety and social distancing requirements must be maintained.
 14. An interdisciplinary team has been created by the facility to review the visitation program's compliance with Health Advisories.

Any visitor who fails to adhere to protocols will be prohibited from visiting