

April 14, 2021

Dear Residents, Families and Friends,

We are happy to notify you that indoor visits may begin to take place at the Home according to the plan and policy we submitted to DC Health which they reviewed and approved as compliant with their requirements and guidance.

We will summarize the requirements and expectations for visits in this letter. We encourage you to read the complete DC Health document regarding Indoor Visitation here (https://coronavirus.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/coronavirus/page_content/attachments/LTC_Indoor_Visitation_2021-04-06.pdf).

- Outdoor visits remain the safest and preferred visit over indoor visits when possible.
- You are not required to be tested or fully vaccinated before a visit, but this is strongly encouraged.
- You are only allowed to visit one Resident at a designated time/schedule.
- Only 2 visitors are allowed for each Resident and must be from the same household. Children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult and must be able to comply with wearing face coverings and social distancing requirements.
- Duration of visits are limited to 30 minutes.
- Entry or visit will be denied if a visitor:
 - does not comply with the requirements
 - is found to be symptomatic of the coronavirus
 - had known exposure to someone with COVID-19 within the past 14 days
 - is under quarantine after non-essential travel to a high-risk state or international travel to a Level 3 (high-risk) country as defined in the DC Health Travel Guidance
- We do need to inform you that COVID-19 might be present in the facility.
- Below are some of the requirements and expectations before, during and after your visit:

Before visitation:

- Visitor(s) will be required to schedule an appointment for a visit through the receptionist through our main number @202-269-1831. Weekend visits should be scheduled by 4:00 p.m. Friday. If you need to cancel any scheduled visit, please notify us.

During visitation:

- A face covering or proper mask must be worn during your entire visit (masks with a valve are not allowed); six-foot distancing must be maintained; and provided hand sanitizer must be used upon entrance to the Home and as indicated throughout the visit.
- You must sign-in at the reception desk with required information, complete the Visitor Screening Questionnaire and have your temperature checked in the lobby upon arrival.

- You will be escorted to the designated visiting area by a staff member. Once seated, the Resident will be brought to the site by a staff member who will monitor the visit and who can be summoned if needed during the visit.
- If the Resident is fully vaccinated, you would be able to give a brief hug or a handshake. Both Resident and visitor must perform hand hygiene immediately before and after any physical contact. You must continue to maintain 6-foot social distancing throughout the visit.

After visitation:

- At the end of visit, visitors and Resident will use hand sanitizer before exiting the room.
- A facility "Contact Information" form and instructions for notifying the facility will be provided to you before you leave the facility if you develop symptoms or test positive for COVID-19 within 14 days of your visit. We, in turn, will notify you if there is an outbreak on the Unit where your loved one resides, should such an event occur within 14 days of your visit.

If you wish to review our policy for indoor visitation, please (*Click here or visit our website @ www.littlesistersofthepoorwashingtondc.org*). If you have any questions please feel free to contact Daisy Alzate, RN, DON or Sister Alphonse Marie, Administrator @ 202-269-1831.

As always, we deeply appreciate your understanding and support as we care for your loved ones and thank you in advance for collaborating with us and participating in our family spirit.

God bless you.

Sr. Mary Michael and all the Little Sisters