

Policy:

Home Suite Home supports in-person visitation for all residents and seeks to comply with the requirements of s. 408.823, F.S. in addition to the requirements for visitation in 429. 28 (1) (d), F.S.

Visitation Policy

- Visitors are welcome at Home Suite Home. Guests and visitors are requested to sign the Guest Log upon their arrival and sign out when leaving the community. This log helps ensure the safety of our residents.
- Visitors are welcome to visit between the hours of 9:00am and 9:00pm. Visitation outside of these hours may be accommodated with the prior permission of the administrator. In the event of an infectious outbreak within the home, the number of persons visiting at one time may be limited. Residents and their guests should be cognizant of other residents and noise levels shall be kept to a minimum during hours when residents are typically sleeping.
- Consensual physical contact is allowed during visitation unless the resident objects.
- Visitors are required to follow the community's House Rules, visitation policies and procedures and infection control policies and procedures as well as any screening protocols which may be in place. Visitors will not be asked for proof of vaccination status, nor be required to provide proof of any vaccination or immunization.
- Visitors are discouraged from visiting the community when sick or when running a fever to support the health and well-being of all residents, staff members and visitors.
- Visitors include third party providers who must also comply with the community's visitation policies and procedures in addition to the community's third-party provider policies and procedures.
- The administrator may require a visitor to agree in writing to follow the community's policies and procedures. The administrator may suspend in person visitation for a specific visitor who violates the community's policies and procedures.
- Home Suite Home does not limit visitation to the following circumstances and supports residents' right to visit with any persons of a resident's choice during normal visitation hours from 9am until 9pm. Visitation is allowed in the resident's room and throughout the community. Unless a resident objects, visitation is supported in all of the following situations but is not limited to these situations:
 - End of life
 - Adjusting to the community/change of environment
 - The resident is making major medical decisions
 - The resident is grieving or experiencing emotional distress
 - The resident requires cueing or encouragement to eat or drink
 - The resident is becoming less verbal

Essential Caregiver

Residents may designate a visitor who is a family member, friend, guardian or other individual as an essential caregiver. Essential caregivers are not required to provide necessary care. Residents who wish to designate an essential caregiver should do so in writing and provide this information to the administrator. Essential caregivers shall be allowed two additional hours of visitation beyond the normal hours of visitation.

Infection Control

Visitors are expected to follow the community's infection control procedures and to follow enhanced infection control procedures when necessary. (See documents Infection Control Information for Visitors; Enhanced Infection Control Procedures.)

Procedures:

The community maintains a link from the homepage of the website to visitation and infection control policies and procedures.

The community will submit its visitation policies and procedures to the Agency for Healthcare Administration with license applications and make such policies and procedures available to representatives of the agency at any time upon request.

The administrator is responsible for ensuring all staff comply with the community's visitation policies and procedures. Residents and visitors should direct any questions regarding these policies and procedures to the administrator.

Visitors are required to check in upon entrance to the home. Upon arrival visitors will be advised if there are any screening protocols that must be completed due to the presence of an infectious outbreak in the community.

In the case of an infectious outbreak, visitation of ill persons is discouraged.

The administrator may require a visitor to agree in writing to follow the community's policies and procedures by having the visitor sign an acknowledgement that they have received information on the community's visitation policies.

The administrator may suspend in person visitation for a specific visitor who violates the community's policies and procedures.

Visitors will be assisted to take standard or transmission-based precautions as warranted by individual situations. Visitors may be required to wear PPE while in the community except when visiting a resident in her/his apartment and no other resident is present. Visitors should seek any needed assistance from staff while visiting.

Isolation precautions will be discussed with the resident and family before precautions are initiated. Visitors will be instructed on the necessity of maintaining precautions before entering the resident's room.

Hand hygiene supplies are available throughout the community.

The person responsible for overseeing the visitation policy is the administrator.

Infection Control

- Practicing infection prevention and control helps to mitigate the spread of disease. Good infection control practices help keep residents, staff members and visitors safe.
- Visitors should refrain from visiting when ill or running a temperature.

INFECTION CONTROL PRACTICES

Hand Hygiene

Hand hygiene refers to both washing hands with plain or anti-bacterial soap and water and to the use of alcohol-based hand sanitizers foam and gel to decontaminate hands. When hands are not visibly soiled, alcohol gel is the preferred method of hand hygiene when providing health care to clients.

An alcohol-based hand rub is the preferred method for hand hygiene, except for when your hands are visibly dirty or contaminated and as stated above. It is recommended that you also wash your hands frequently in between the use of hand sanitizers.

Practicing hand hygiene correctly:

- Alcohol based hand sanitizer (foam and gel with 60- 95% alcohol)
 - Apply to the palm of one hand (the amount used depends on the specific hand rub product.)
 - Rub hands together, covering all surfaces, focusing in particular on the fingertips and fingernails, until dry. Use enough rub to require at least 15 seconds to dry.
- Handwashing
 - Wet hands with water.
 - Apply soap.
 - Rub hands together for at least 20 seconds, covering all surfaces, focusing on fingertips and fingernails.
 - Rinse under running water and dry with a disposable towel.
 - Use the towel to turn off the faucet.

Cough Etiquette

Cough etiquette is one of the best ways to prevent others from getting sick.

- Use a tissue to cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze. If a tissue is not available, cough into your elbow.
- Always turn your face away from people when you are coughing or sneezing.
- Place your used tissue in a waste basket immediately.
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer or wash your hands with soap and water.

Biomedical Waste

- The community has special containers for the disposal of biomedical waste. All materials saturated with blood, body fluids, or excretions or secretions such as bandages and adult briefs, non-absorbent disposable devices that have been contaminated with blood or body fluids and which have not been decontaminated such as glucometer devices, sharps such as hypodermic needles and disposable razors must be disposed of properly.
- Importantly, body excretions such as feces and secretions such as nasal discharges, saliva, sputum, sweat, tears, urine and vomit is not considered to be biomedical waste unless visibly contaminated with blood.
- Visitors should avoid contact with blood and body fluids and seek staff assistance. Visitors are asked to refrain from transporting linens and laundry from the resident's room and to seek staff assistance. If a visitor wants to take laundry out of the community, it should be bagged prior to removing the laundry from the resident's room.

Standard Precautions

"Standard precautions" is a term used to describe infection prevention strategies that reduce the transmission of infection.

Standard precautions are used all the time to protect ourselves when there is the potential to come into contact with:

- body fluids
- excretions
- secretions
- mucous membranes
- non-intact skin
- contaminated surfaces or objects

This applies whether or not a person is symptomatic or known or suspected to be infectious.

Transmission Based Precautions

"Transmission based precautions" are used when there is a need to prevent additional exposure.

Visitors will be alerted when there is a need for transmission-based precautions due to a specific situation within the community. The use of additional personal protective equipment and other precautions may be required in certain circumstances. Personal protective equipment may include but is not limited to:

- Masks
- Gowns and Protective Apparel
- Gloves

Isolation precautions will be discussed with the resident and family before precautions are initiated.

Visitors will be instructed on the necessity of maintaining precautions before entering the resident's room.