

COVID-19 – Avera Prince of Peace In-Room Visitation Guidelines

This applies for Essential Care Visits, Compassionate Care Visits, and Regular visits only. This does not apply for End-of-Life Visits.

**** *DISCLAIMER: These guidelines are subject to change at any time, per facility discretion. If below guidelines are not followed, in-room visitation may be shut down.* ****

1. Visitors will be screened only upon entry of facility by activity staff.
 - a. Visitors will call the number posted at each entrance to reach activity staff.
 - b. Visitors will receive a green visitor sticker indicating they have been screened for visitation.
2. Visitors must wear their mask at all times. Failure to do so will result in asking them to leave the facility.
 - a. Unless both the resident and visitor are fully vaccinated, then the masks may be removed once in the room.
3. Visitors must maintain 6 feet distance from resident while in resident's room, or will be asked to leave.
 - a. Unless the resident is fully vaccinated. If the resident is fully vaccinated, then the family may have close contact. However, facemask should be worn if visitor is not fully vaccinated and hand hygiene performed

****Fully vaccinated refers to a person who is ≥ 2 weeks following receipt of the second dose in a 2-dose series, or ≥ 2 weeks following receipt of one dose of a single-dose vaccine. ****

4. Each resident will be allowed 4 visitors at one time.
 - a. There will not be a Signup Genius. Visitors for each resident will be responsible for communication amongst each other to not overlap times.
 - b. No visitors under the age of 12.
 - c. Visitors can leave the facility and come back. If they still have their green visitor sticker, they would not need to screen a second time. If that is gone or misplaced, they should screen again.
 - d. Limit of 50 visitors per floor.
5. Visitors must stay in the resident's room at all times, except when care services are performed by staff.
 - a. Visitors will remain outside the resident's door during cares and will not be allowed to be in other areas of the facility or neighborhood.
 - b. Visitors may use the restroom on the neighborhood.
 - c. If a visitor is outside of the resident room for any reason other than cares or bathroom, they will be asked to leave the facility.
 - d. Visitors cannot go with residents to church or activities held in the neighborhood.
 - e. Visitors cannot sit in the deli before/after their room visit.
6. Residents from combined neighborhoods may visit with each other, wherever, as long as there is face covering, appropriate hand hygiene, and they are not in quarantine or covid-19 isolation, regardless of vaccination status.
 - a. If a resident has an outside visitor in the room, resident to resident visitation will not be allowed.
7. Visitation times will be M-F from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m & Sa., Sun. & Holidays 1-3 p.m. (Can stay until 5 p.m. if they are here by 3 to be screened.); no exceptions other than end of life.
 - a. Activity staff will be in charge of assisting with visitations.
8. While in-room visitation is conducted, there will be NO booth visits.
9. Residents on COVID ISOLATION and QUARANTINE will not be allowed visits.

10. If we have one resident from any unit test positive (will consult with DOH for further guidance):
 - a. Resident testing positive, must not be newly admitted within 14 days (this does not contribute to a facility acquired positive and is not counted toward outbreak status).
 - b. Move the positive resident to covid unit in rehab, immediately.
 - c. We will move back to outbreak mode; testing all residents weekly.
 - d. Continue in room visitation, after initial round of outbreak testing has confirmed no other positives. It will be assessed at that time if the unit with a positive, will be able to resume visits, or need to wait until outbreak is over.
 - e. Open dining and small activities will also be assessed if they will be continued or not.
11. If two residents from one unit test positive (will consult with DOH for further guidance):
 - a. Resident testing positive, must not be newly admitted within 14 days (this does not contribute to a facility acquired positive, and is not counted toward outbreak status).
 - b. Close the unit for visitation and begin booth visits
 - c. Shut down activities and open dining
12. If two residents who are not on the same unit test positive; including assisted living (will consult with DOH for further guidance):[Standard work for quarantine guidelines.docx](#)
 - a. Resident testing positive, must not be newly admitted within 14 days (this does not contribute to a facility acquired positive, and is not counted toward outbreak status).
 - b. Shut down all visitation throughout facility
 - c. Shut down activities and open dining
13. If we have staff test positive (will consult with DOH for further guidance):
 - a. Leadership will assess and determine where and if visitation, activities, and dining will be shut down.
 - i. This is dependent on where and when staff member worked last.

In-Room Visitation Guidelines were developed based upon the [South Dakota Back to Normal Long-Term Care Reopening Plan](#).