

LEVINDALE WELCOMES YOU AGAIN!

VISITATION UPDATE

Levindale is delighted to welcome visitors back again in full capacity! Although you may visit your loved one, there are core guidelines that must be followed.

In accordance with federal and state mandates and a person-centered approach to visitation, visitation will be fully open and unrestricted for all patients and residents on our sub-acute rehab and long-term care units regardless of vaccination status, effective **Friday, November 19, 2021**. Please review updates for the Hospital units as well (page 2).

There are still risks associated with visitation and COVID-19. However, the risks are reduced by adhering to the core principles of COVID-19 infection prevention.

Core Guidance

- **Levindale will continue to require screening of all visitors.**
- All visitors will be required to wear surgical mask covering the nose and mouth in all open and communal areas of the facility and while around other patients/resident's or healthcare personnel regardless of vaccination status.
- Hand hygiene is required (hand washing with soap & water and/or an alcohol-based rub).
- Please be aware of any potential risk of visiting and take all necessary precautions.
- While not recommended, patients/residents who are on transmission-based precautions or quarantine can still receive visitors. You will be required to follow all posted infection prevention guidelines.
- Physical distancing at least six feet between people when feasible in all open and communal areas of the facility.
- Visitors should not walk around different units/departments of the facility. Rather, visitors should go directly to the resident's room or designated visitation area.
- Visitors will be made aware of the potential risk of visiting during an outbreak investigation and adhere to the core principles of all identified infection prevention.
- Large gatherings should be avoided (e.g., parties, events) where large numbers of visitors are in the same space at the same time and physical distancing cannot be maintained.
- If a resident's roommate is unvaccinated or immunocompromised (regardless of vaccination status), visits should not be conducted in the resident's room, if possible. For situations where there is a roommate and the health status of the patient/resident prevents leaving the room, Levindale will attempt to enable in-room visitation while adhering to the core principles of infection prevention.
- Visitors who have a positive viral test for COVID-19, symptoms of COVID-19, or currently meet the criteria for quarantine, should not enter the facility.
- Outdoor/Indoor visitation in an identified area is preferred when the resident and/or visitor/s are not fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Outdoor visits generally pose a lower risk of transmission due to increased space and airflow.

- It is preferable to make an appointment with any departments you may need to transact business.
- Please follow all infection control guidance that may be posted on the units, patients/resident's rooms, and as directed by nursing on any unit.
- Visitors who are unable to adhere to the core principles of COVID-19 infection prevention or any infection control guidance will not be permitted to visit or will be asked to leave.
- **The Center for Medicare and Medicaid services (CMS) strongly encourages all visitors to become vaccinated to prevent the spread of COVID-19.**

PLEASE NOTE

- Compassion and support visits will no longer need to be scheduled for long-term care.
- Outside/Inside visitation will no longer be scheduled.
- Video calls will only be scheduled for our Brain Health Units.
- Visitation for our long-term care/sub-acute units are open.
- Visitation for our Hospital units (excluding BHU) will be daily 12 p.m.- 8 p.m.

FOR VISITORS TO OUR HOSPITAL

- Due to the type of milieu in the Brain Health Units and the efforts in place to mitigate COVID19 outbreaks, visitation is not allowed on those units.
- **Visitation on HICU and Acute Rehab units may occur between the hours of 12 p.m.- 8 p.m.**
- **Levindale will continue to require screening of all visitors.**
- All visitors will be required to wear surgical mask covering the nose and mouth in all open and communal areas of the facility and while around other patients/resident's or healthcare personnel regardless of vaccination status.
- **One visitor at a time on the hospital units.**
- Visitation must occur in the patient's room.
- Visitation will not be available for patients who are COVID-19 positive and are not considered recovered, or who are in quarantine and have not met criteria to be released from quarantine.
- You may purchase food in the cafeteria or gift shop but please do not eat in the patient's room.
- Visitors must go directly to the patient's room and not walk-through other units or attempt to visit other patients.
- In a semi-private room, please do NOT sit near the other patient. We will pull the curtain between bed A and bed B.
- **No visitors age 12 and under are allowed.**
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