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53 Walter Street | Ewing, NJ 08628

Outdoor Visitation Policy & Guidelines As of June 23, 2020

As of June 21, 2020, Greenwood House may allow in-person visitation in a designated outdoor visitation space. No resident visitors are allowed inside Greenwood House except for end-of-life visits.

Please Note: If you are coming to visit from outside New Jersey, from a state that is considered a “Hot Spot”, you must quarantine for 14 days per New Jersey State Regulations.

POLICY

It is Greenwood House policy to take all reasonable and necessary measures to prevent the transmission of infectious disease while allowing resident visitors access to outdoor visitation.

GUIDELINE/PROCESS

Outdoor visitation is by appointment only. Outdoor visitation must follow the following guidelines:

- A resident who is suspected or confirmed to be infected with COVID-19, or quarantined for an exposure to a COVID-19 case cannot be visited except for an end of life situation. A resident who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 may be visited only after they have met the criteria for discontinuation of isolation as defined in guidance from NJDOH and CDC.
- Greenwood House should honor each resident’s right to have and choose visitors and to make preferences. Greenwood House will consult with residents who are able to make informed choices to determine who the resident would wish to visit with in person. This will also serve as communication with the resident to explain how visitation will work. Residents who cannot make decisions due to dementia or other cognitive deficits will have their Power of Attorney (POA) called to ask who may be allowed to visit the resident.
- Clear communication of the visitation policy should be provided to residents, resident’s visitors, staff and others in writing and/or by the methods Greenwood House uses to convey information or policy changes such as email.
- Greenwood House will establish a designated area for visitors to be screened that accommodates social distancing and infection control standards. Visitors will be provided with the visitation guidelines and must sign an informed consent prior to visiting. Visitors will not be permitted entrance into Greenwood House including restrooms.
- Greenwood House must receive informed consent from the visitor and the resident in writing that they are aware of the possible dangers of exposure to COVID-19 (for both the resident and the visitor) and that they will follow the rules set by Greenwood House in regard to outdoor visitation. Greenwood House must receive a signed statement from each visitor and resident (if the resident is unable to consent then the consent needs to be signed by the authorized representative) with a copy provided to the visitor and resident, that they are aware of the risk of exposure to COVID-19 during the visit, that they will strictly comply with Greenwood House policies during outdoor visitation, and that the visitor will notify the facility if they test positive for COVID-19 or exhibit symptoms of COVID-19 within fourteen days of the visit.

- Greenwood House will provide a visiting area with accommodations offered for those with mobility needs and designated seating for visitors. Greenwood House will also provide reasonable accommodations for any resident with a disability, such as hearing, vision, or cognitive impairments, and assist any resident with transport using their adaptive equipment.
- Prior to transporting a resident to the designated outdoor visitation space, Greenwood House will screen the visitor for infectious communicable diseases, including COVID-19 symptoms. Any visitors with symptoms of COVID-19 such as fever (equal to or greater than 100 F), chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, sore throat, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, congestion or runny nose, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea will not be permitted to visit.
- Transport of a resident to and from the designated outdoor visitation space must be safe and orderly. At a minimum, safe transport means that the resident cannot be transported through any space designated as COVID-19 care space or space where residents suspected or confirmed to be infected with COVID-19 are present. Transport must be done while keeping a 6 foot distance between other residents and staff.
- A Greenwood House staff member familiar with the infection control protocols will remain with the resident at all times during the visit.
- Residents may have no more than two visitors at a time. The visitor must remain at least 6 feet from the resident and attending staff member(s) at all times during the visit. Whenever possible, visitors should wait in a vehicle prior to the visitation time. If the visitor is using public or ride share transport, the visitor(s) should wait in an outdoor space that ensures social distancing of at least six feet from other visitors.
- Staff must wear a surgical facemask; residents must wear a face covering (surgical mask if supply is available); and visitors must wear a face covering or mask for the duration of the visit. Visits with a resident in a designated outdoor space must be scheduled in advance and are dependent on permissible weather conditions, availability of outdoor space, and sufficient staffing at the facility to meet resident care needs, as well as the health and well-being of the resident. Visits may be cancelled because of inclement or unsafe weather conditions (e.g. high humidity/heat, poor air quality).
- Greenwood House may limit the length of any visit, the days on which visits will be permitted, the hours during a day when visits will be permitted, and the number of times during a day or week a resident may be visited.
- Food is not permitted during the visits. Visitors may bring items for the resident but must leave the package outside for the receptionist to bring in. Visitors may bring their own water which cannot be shared with the resident. Greenwood House will provide appropriate hydration for the resident during the visit.
- At the conclusion of the visit, the residents should be transported back to their rooms by a facility staff member.

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INFORMED CONSENT FOR OUTDOOR VISITATION

I, _____ (*resident or visitor name*), have been informed both verbally and in writing of the outdoor visitation policy effective as of June 29, 2020 at Greenwood House.

By reading and checking the following I understand that these visits create a possible danger of exposure to COVID-19:

- I am aware of the existence of the risk of COVID-19 and my participation in the activity of visitation could cause illness such as COVID-19
- I have not experienced symptoms of fever, fatigue, difficulty in breathing, dry cough or exhibiting any other symptoms relating to COVID-19 or any communicable disease within the last 14 days
- I have not, nor any member of my household traveled by sea or air internationally within the past 30 days
- I have not been, nor has any member(s) of my household been diagnosed with COVID-19 within the last 30 days
- I will comply with all Greenwood House policies during my visit
- I will notify Greenwood House should I develop any COVID-19 symptoms within the next 14 days after my visit – 609-883-5391 X319 or 335
- I am at least 18 years old and fully competent to give my consent to all conditions within this form
- I agree to strictly comply with all policies for outdoor visitation and I understand that failure to comply with these policies will result in being denied participation in outdoor visitation, and asked to immediately leave the premises

Signed:

Resident
(Or representative) _____ Date _____

Visitor _____ Date _____

Administrator/Designee _____ Date _____

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