

Bartram Lakes Assisted Living Facility

POLICY AND PROCEDURE

Subject: Visitation Policy	Policy #:
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SCOPE

This policy applies to all Brooks' workforce members which for the purposes of this policy refers to all directors, officers, managers, employees, medical staff, contractors, volunteers, students and others associated or affiliated with Brooks Bartram Lakes (ALF).

Any workforce member found to have violated this policy may be subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination of employment or termination of services agreement/contract as may be applicable.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to explain the rules and regulations of visitation at our facility.

POLICY

It is our policy to ensure safe visitation to our residents consistent with the resident "Bill of Rights" F.S. 429.28. In addition, to educate employees and visitors of residents on procedures related to infection control.

PROCEDURES

1. We will ensure that in person visitation will be allowed in all the following circumstances unless the resident objects:
 - a. End-of-life situations.
 - b. A resident who was living with family before being admitted to the Facility is struggling with the change in environment and lack of in-person family support.
 - c. The resident is making one or more major medical decisions.
 - d. A resident is experiencing emotional distress or grieving the loss of a friend or family member who recently died.
 - e. A resident needs cueing or encouragement to eat or drink which was previously provided by a family member or a caregiver.
 - f. A resident who used to talk and interact with others is seldom speaking.
2. The administrator is designated as the person responsible for ensuring that employees adhere to the visitation policies and procedures.
3. Residents may also designate a visitor who is a family member, friend, guardian, or other individual as an essential caregiver. The essential caregiver is allowed to have in-person visitation for at least 2 hours daily in addition to any other visitation authorized by the Facility but does not have to provide necessary care.
4. The Facility will respect the right of the resident to determine the number of visitors he/she would like to have at any given time during the 9am-9pm visiting hours.

5. Visitations are generally from 9am-9pm, at a minimum. Visitors requesting to come any other time can arrange times with the nurse manager, administrator or designee.
6. The Facility will not require visitors to provide proof of vaccination or immunization.
7. All visitors are asked to sign in/out and may be asked to wear a visitor badge.
8. Consensual physical contact between patients and their loved ones will not be restricted.
9. Visits are done throughout the buildings.
10. Children must be supervised by an adult at all times.
11. The administrator or designee may suspend in-person visitation of a specific visitor in case of violation of the provider's policy and procedures on visitation.
12. Nursing staff and care providers are on site and designated to support infection control and prevention by providing information on the visitation policy to the visitors.
13. We will screen the Visitor per the infection control policy and procedure. The facility will document the name of the individual, the date, and time of entry. Visitors who currently meet the criteria for quarantine based on the infection control policy should not enter the facility.
14. This policy does not prohibit visits if the Resident to be visited is quarantined, tested positive, or showing symptoms of a communicable disease. Visits in these circumstances will require a higher level of Personal Protective Equipment ("PPE") than standard masks. PPE will be provided to the Visitor and will be in accordance with the most recent CDC guidance for healthcare workers.