



## **POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR VISITATION TO THE A.L.F**

### Policy:

It is the policy of Elysian Gardens Assisted Living of Tampa Bay 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 of procedures related to infection control, screen, personal protective equipment, and other infection control protocols.

### Procedures:

1. Elysian Gardens Assisted Living of Tampa Bay will ensure that in person visitation will be allowed in the following circumstances unless the resident objects:
  - a. End-of-life situations.
  - b. A resident who was living with family before being admitted to Elysian Gardens Assisted Living of Tampa Bay is struggling with the change in environment and lack of in-person family support.
  - c. A resident is making one or more major medical decisions.
  - d. A resident is experiencing emotion 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 staff adhere to the infection control and visitation policies and procedures.
3. The resident 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 Elysian Gardens Assisted Living of Tampa Bay.

4. Elysian Gardens Assisted Living of Tampa Bay 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. Elysian Gardens Assisted Living of Tampa Bay will designate a staff member to support infection control and prevention by providing information on the visitation policy to include infection control policy and procedures of Elysian Gardens Assisted Living of Tampa Bay.
6. Visitation will be from 9am-9pm, at a minimum. Visitors requesting to come any other time need to make arrangements with the administrator or designee in advance.
7. Elysian Gardens Assisted Living of Tampa Bay will not require visitors to provide proof of vaccination.
8. All visitors must sign in and out at the reception desk/table.
9. Visits will be done throughout the building.
10. Children must be supervised by an adult at all times.
11. All visitors will be asked to agree in writing to follow the infection control policy and procedures and the visitation policy of Elysian Gardens Assisted Living of Tampa Bay.
12. Elysian Gardens Assisted Living of Tampa Bay may suspend in-person visitation of specific visitor if the visitor violates the provider's policy of Elysian Gardens Assisted Living of Tampa Bay.
13. Consensual physical contact is allowed between a resident and a visitor.

### **PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)**

Staff appropriately use PPE including, but not limited to, the following:

- Gloves are worn if potential contact with blood or bodily fluid, mucous membranes, or non-intact skin;
  - Gloves are removed after contact with blood or bodily fluid, mucous membranes, or non-intact skin;
  - Gloves are changed and hand hygiene is performed before moving from a contaminated body site to a clean body site during resident care; and an isolation gown is worn for direct resident contact if the resident has uncontained secretions or excretions.
  - PPE appropriately removed and discarded after resident care, prior to leaving room (except in the case of extended use PPE per nation/local recommendations), followed by hand hygiene.
  - If PPE use is extended/reused will be done according to the nation and/or local guidelines. If it is reused, it is cleaned/decontaminated/maintained after and/or between uses.
  - PPE is available, accessible, and used by staff.
  - The Administrator or ALF Owner will keep track of the PPE and reordering, or replacement supplies as needed.
- ◇ Assess supply of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and initiate measure to optimize current supply: