**SUBJECT:** COVID-19 Cold Weather Visitation

**PURPOSE:** To provide a guideline for residents, staff members and visitors to follow during cold weather visitation.

**RATIONALE:** To ensure the health, safety and wellbeing of the Farrar Home residents, staff and visitors is maintained during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**PROCEDURE**

**VISITATION**

* All visits will be pre-scheduled unless approved by Administration.
* During the cold weather, all visits will be completed on the front porch. The visitors will sit in the temporarily enclosed front porch. The area will have proper ventilation. The residents will sit in the sitting room. The visit will be conducted with the window opened 8 inches. Social distance of 6 feet will be maintained at all times.
* All scheduled visits will be 15 minutes in length.
* **All visits will be scheduled on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 1pm to 3pm AND Sundays from 1pm to 4pm**
* All visitors must be 18 years of age or accompanied by an adult 18 years of age or older.
* A max of 2 visitors at one time for each resident.

**RATIONALE**

* To ensure proper staffing to comply with DOH requirements.
* To ensure the safety of the residents and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic.
* To comply with social distancing.
* To allow sufficient time for all residents to have visitors.
* To ensure visitation does not affect the in-home COVID-19 requirements.
* To ensure all visitors are able to give consent and answer questionnaire.
* To comply with social distancing requirements.

**PROCEDURE**

* The visitors will comply with the following items at the time of the visit:
	+ Comply with social distancing.
	+ Wear mask at all times.
	+ Cleanse hands with hand sanitizer before visit.
	+ Complete pre-visit health check.
* Visitation will be declined for any visitor who:
	+ Refuses to comply with the visitation policy.
	+ Displays active s/s of COVID-19 or has been diagnosed with COVID-19.
	+ Has traveled internationally or to a state requiring quarantine per NYS regulation in the past 14 days.
* If any visitor fails to adhere to the protocol, they will be prohibited from visiting during the duration of the COVID-19 state declared public state emergency.
* During the health check, the visitor will be given a “Visitor Fact Sheet”. Please see attached.

**SANITATION**

* After each visit, the Farrar Home employee will sanitize the chairs and other areas in the front porch visitation area with Oxivir (EPA approved) disinfectant wipes. The area will air dry for 1 minute.

**VISITATION SUSPENSION**

* In the event, a resident or staff members is diagnosed with a confirmed positive COVID-19 test all visits will be suspended temporarily.

**RATIONALE**

* To ensure the safety & well-being of the Farrar Home residents & staff.
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* To ensure the visitors are informed of NYSDOH Adult Home visitation requirements.
* To comply with NYSDOH sanitation requirements.
* To decrease the spread of infection.
* To maintain the safety & well-being of the Farrar Home residents & staff.