**SUBJECT:** UPDATED POST VACCINE VISITATION POLICY (7-21)

**PURPOSE:** To provide a guideline for residents, staff members and visitors to follow during the post vaccine phase of the COVID-19 pandemic.

**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. All visits will be scheduled on **Tuesdays & Thursdays from 1pm to 3pm AND Sundays from 1pm to 4pm.** A max of 5 visits will be scheduled at the same time. A max of 2 visitors at one time for each resident visit. The maximum length of the visit will be one hour.
* Indoor visits will be conducted in resident rooms with the door closed. Outdoor visits will be conducted under the visitation tent or in the gazebo (if not in use by other residents). Visitors will be asked to comply with social distancing.
* All visitors must be 16 years of age or accompanied by an adult 18 years of age or older.
* The visitors will comply with the following items at the time of the visit:
  + Wear mask at all times.
  + Cleanse hands with hand sanitizer before visit.
  + Complete pre-visit health check.

**RATIONALE**

* To ensure all residents are able to have scheduled visits.
* To ensure proper staffing to comply with DOH requirements.
* To ensure visitation does not affect the routine of the home.
* To ensure all visitors are able to answer questionnaire.
* To ensure the safety & well-being of the Farrar Home residents & staff.
* To comply with NYSDOH requirements.

**PROCEDURE**

* Visitation will be declined for any visitor who:
  + Refuses to comply with the visitation policy.
  + Displays active s/s of COVID-19 or has an active diagnosed of COVID-19.
* 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. The refusal of the visit will be documented in the resident’s chart.

**SANITATION**

* At the end of each shift, all frequently touched or high traffic areas of the home will be disinfected with the OXIVIR wipes by the housekeeper or float.

**VISITATION SUSPENSION**

* In the event, a resident is diagnosed with presumed or confirmed COVID-19. The visitation for the resident will be suspended temporarily unless the visit is for compassionate care or an end of life purpose. Virtual and window visits can be scheduled as requested.

**COMPASIONATE CARE VISITS**

Compassionate care visits (CCV) will be permitted when visitation may not otherwise be permitted in accordance with NYSDOH current visitation guidance.

CCV will be conducted in the resident’s room. A max of 2 visitors will be permitted. Visitors will be guided directly to the resident’s room by a staff member.

**RATIONALE**

* To ensure the safety & well-being of the Farrar Home residents & staff.
* To comply with NYSDOH requirements.
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* To comply with NYSDOH requirements.
* To comply with NYSDOH sanitation requirements.
* To decrease the spread of infection.
* To ensure the safety & well-being of the Farrar Home residents & staff.
* To comply with NYSDOH requirements.
* To comply with social distancing requirements.
* To ensure the safety & well-being of the Farrar Home residents.
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**PROCEDURE**

CCV include:

* Newly admitted residents with difficulty adjusting to the Farrar Home and lack of in-person family support.
* Residents recently grieving the loss of a friend or loved one.
* Residents who previously received in –person support and/or cueing from family for eating and drinking and are now experiencing dehydration and/or weight loss.
* Residents who are exhibiting s/s of emotional distress including but not limited to, seldomly speaking or crying more frequently ( when the resident had rarely cried in the past), refusing to participate in an activity or activities, staying in bed longer than usual or exhibiting behavior considered abnormal for the individual.
* Residents who receive religious or spiritual support from clergy or another layperson.

**RESIDENT OUTINGS**

**Medical-** When leaving the building for a medical appt, the resident and transporter will wear a mask. Upon return, the resident will use hand sanitizer and a health check (including temp) will be completed by medication room staff.

**Non-medical**- When leaving the building for a non-medical appt, the resident will wear a mask and comply with social distancing. Upon return, the resident will use hand sanitizer.

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