



The BROTHERS of MERCY

Visitation Fact Sheet

On January 12, 2022 the NYS Department of Health updated and issued guidance to Nursing Homes for visitation during the Omicron COVID19 outbreak.

- Testing for Visitors: all nursing homes licensed and regulated by the New York State Department of Health must verify that visitors have received a negative SARS-CoV-2 test result one day prior to visitation for antigen tests and two days prior to visitation for NAAT (e.g. PCR) tests. All visitors may use either NAAT testing or antigen testing. This means, for example, that a test for a Sunday visit should be conducted no earlier than Saturday if it's an antigen test or Friday if it's a PCR test. Any PCR or antigen test used must either have Emergency Use Authorization by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration or be operating per the Laboratory Developed Test requirements by the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.
- Visitors must be screened upon entry to the building by answering health questions and have temperature checks.
- All visitors must wear a well-fitting surgical paper mask or a mask of higher quality (i.e. KN95 or N95) at all times during any visitation at the facility. If the visitor wishes, a cloth mask may be placed over the paper mask. The masks must cover both the nose and the mouth.
- Physically distance from facility personnel and other patients/residents/visitors that are not directly associated with the specific resident(s) being visited by that individual.
- Visitors must adhere to floor markings. Elevator use is restricted 4 individuals at a time.
- There can be consumption of food or beverages during visitation if social distancing is maintained from those in a common area. The cafeteria will remain closed to visitors.
- After visiting Brothers of Mercy, all visitors must monitor for signs and symptoms of COVID for 14 days. If at any point you feel any symptoms of COVID (e.g., fatigue, chills, muscle aches, fever, etc.), please follow up with your primary medical provider and alert the facility if you are positive as soon as possible.
- Please use good hand hygiene while in the building.
- Face Mask use during your visit is mandatory and unmasking puts your loved one at greater risk of becoming ill. Social distancing should be practiced at all times during your visit.
- We reserve the right to refuse any visitor who does not pass the health screening, is under the influence, doesn't adhere to infection control policies (i.e., masks and eye protection), is disruptive, or presents a danger to any resident or staff. If you are ill, please stay home.

There are no posted visiting hours.