

# **BROTHER JAMES COURT**

## **Visitation Policy**

### **Interpretation and Implementation**

Brother James Court (“BJC” or “facility”) is committed to facilitate visitation consistent with State and federal guidelines and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) guidance.

Visitation will be conducted through different means based on a facility’s structure and residents’ needs, such as in resident rooms, dedicated visitation spaces, outdoors, and for circumstances beyond compassionate care situations. Regardless of how visits are conducted, BJC will implement certain core principles and best practices that reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission.

### **Core Principles of COVID-19 Infection Prevention**

- Screening of all who enter the facility for signs and symptoms of COVID-19, and denial of entry of those with signs or symptoms of COVID-19 (e.g., temperature checks, questions about and observations of signs or symptoms), and denial of entry of those with signs or symptoms or those who have had close contact with someone with COVID-19 infection in the prior 14 days (regardless of the visitor’s vaccination status)
- Hand hygiene
- Face covering or mask
- Social distancing at least six feet between persons
- Instructional signage throughout the facility and proper visitor education on COVID-19 signs and symptoms, infection control precautions, and other applicable facility practices
- Cleaning and disinfecting high frequency touched surfaces in the facility often, and in designated visitation areas after each visit
- Appropriate staff use of Personal Protective Equipment
- Effective co-horting of residents
- Resident and staff testing.

Visitation will be person-centered, consider the residents’ physical, mental, and psychosocial well-being, and support their quality of life. The risk of transmission may be further reduced through the use of physical barriers (e.g., clear Plexiglas dividers, curtains). BJC will

enable visits to be conducted with an adequate degree of privacy. Visitors who are unable to adhere to the core principles of COVID-19 infection prevention will not be permitted to visit or will be asked to leave.

Visitors must wear source control and physically distance from staff, other residents and other visitors while inside and outside the facility.

### **Outdoor Visitation**

Visits will be held outdoors whenever practicable even when the resident and visitor are fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

a) Aside from weather considerations, an individual resident's health status, or a facility's outbreak status, outdoor visitation will be facilitated routinely.

b) BJC will create accessible and safe outdoor spaces for visitation.

c) When conducting outdoor visitation, BJC will have a process to limit the number and size of visits occurring simultaneously to support safe infection prevention actions.

d) BJC will establish limits on the number of individuals visiting with any one resident at the same time.

### **Indoor Visitation**

BJC will accommodate and support indoor visitation, if appropriate for the resident and based on the CDC, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services ("CMS"), the Illinois Department of Public Health ("IDPH") and SCHD guidelines.