



POLICY AND PROCEDURE

COVID-19 – Outdoor Family Visits

POLICY:

It is the policy of The Danish Home to provide a safe and healthy environment to prevent the spread of any infectious diseases outbreak that is presently occurring in the U.S. or around the world. Our Procedures follow the Guidelines of both the Chicago and Illinois Departments of Public Health.

PROCEDURE:

- I. The Danish Home will open the opportunity for families and friends ages 18 and over to visit their loved ones outdoors in our fenced-in Garden area, beginning Sunday, June 28, 2020. Below are the rules to be followed, as well as instructions for scheduling an outside visit with your loved one. While the State of Illinois has opened this opportunity to families and residents, there are monitoring/screening practices that must be followed. Within 24 hours of your scheduled visit, a staff member will call you to get the pre-visit monitoring completed, as this is a requirement by the State of Illinois.
 - a. The Danish Home will allow three different families to visit per scheduled time. A tent with chairs outside in our Garden will be provided. You will be directed to your visit location;
 - b. Visits will be limited to no more than two guests per resident;
 - c. To conduct your visit, each visitor must enter the Garden through the gate entrance. You will see a staff member, where your temperature will be taken, along with the required questionnaire that must also be completed for EACH visitor.
 - d. A staff member will bring the Resident to the family member(s) at their scheduled time out in the Garden;
 - e. Both Resident and ALL visitors must wear masks during the visit;
 - f. Six (6) foot distancing MUST remain in place. No hugging, kissing, holding hands, or touching of any kind;
 - g. Each visit will be 45 minutes. If you want to exceed your scheduled visit, it will be allowed **only** if no one is scheduled for the next visit slot;
 - h. There will be clear distance measures so there is no guessing regarding how far apart you must remain from the Resident;

- i. Scheduling Visits: From June 29 through July 6, 2020, schedule your visit with the Nursing Station by calling, 773-775-7383, ext. 3. Beginning Tuesday, July 7, 2020, going forward, contact Debi Lathom between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, at 773-775-7383, ext. 4; or, email her at dlathom@danishhomeofchicago.org. If you call on weekends, or after 4 p.m. to schedule your visit, always contact the Nurse's station, extension 3. Your visit date must be a minimum of 36 hours after the time you call to make your reservation; and
- j. **The hours set aside for visitation during this Pandemic are 1:00 p.m. through 7:00 p.m., during the week, and 1:00 p.m. through 4:00 p.m., on the weekends, with one hour increments.** During the week, the last reservation will be at 7:00; on the weekends, the last reservation will be at 4:00. Reservations for visitation will be on the hour, every hour, during that timeframe. Each visit will be 45 minutes. This allows for all disinfecting / cleaning that must be completed prior to the next scheduled visit.

Please be advised that all outdoor visits are subject to cancellation due to weather; including, but not limited to rain, high heat, high humidity.

Because the State of Illinois is only allowing OUTDOOR visits at senior communities, you cannot enter The Danish Home at any time. For your convenience, a portable toilet is available by our Memorial Garden area.

**Practice Universal Precaution Protocols
At ALL Times!**

OUTDOOR VISITATION MONITORING

All Visitors MUST be screened

Screener's Name

Check One:

Pre-visit Screening _____

Must occur within 24 hours
of scheduled visit (time of call _____)

Visit Screening _____

(time of visit _____)

Resident Name: _____

Visitor Name: _____ **Cell #:** _____

Date: _____

Scheduled Time: _____

Within the past 14 days have you had:

Pre-Visit Screening

Screen Questions	Yes	No	Comments
Current Temperature (screener will take)			
Fever or Chills			
Cough			
Shortness of Breath or Difficulty Breathing			
Fatigue			
Muscle or Body Aches			
Headache			
New Loss of Taste or Smell			
Sore Throat			
Congestion or Runny Nose			
Nausea or Vomiting			
Diarrhea			

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If you answer yes to any of the above, you must reschedule and will not be admitted for a visit.