



TO: ALL CCLS, CLE, Fast Pace, and Magnolia Hill – MTP employees
FROM: CCLS COVID 19 Task Force
DATE: 4/01/2021
RE: COVID Update #26

The information in all the **COVID-19 Updates** has been taken from communications from DHS and the CDC.

CCLS-CLE have closely followed their recommendations and guidelines. Within the past few days DHS and the CDC have made changes to their recommendations regarding client's visitors in the program/facility. What remains the same?

- Always wear a mask while at work.
- Complete the Employee COVID-19 Symptoms Screening Tool at the start of each shift you work.
- Visitors must complete the Visitor Health Questionnaire.

- Follow proper sanitization protocols.
- Practice social distancing when possible.
- Conduct and document symptoms checks of clients/residents.

You'll find two sections and a handout in this update.

IN PROGRAM/FACILITY VISITORS

In accordance with CDC guidelines, indoor visitations are permitted except as noted below:

- Indoor visitation for unvaccinated residents should be limited solely to compassionate care situations if the COVID-19 county positivity rate is more than 10% and less than 70% of residents in the facility are fully vaccinated.
- Indoor visitation should be limited solely to compassionate care situations, for:
 - Vaccinated and unvaccinated residents with SARS-CoV-2 infection until they have met criteria to discontinue Transmission-Based Precautions.
 - Vaccinated and unvaccinated residents in quarantine until they have met criteria for release from quarantine.

Ideally, unvaccinated residents who wish to be vaccinated should not start indoor visitation until they have been fully vaccinated (i.e., two or more weeks following receipt of the second dose in a two-dose series or two or more weeks following receipt of one dose of a single-dose vaccine).

BEFORE THE VISIT:

- Visitors will contact the CCLS-CLE supervisor in advance (preferably 24 hours) to arrange a visit so CCLS-CLE staff can ensure there are no other visits scheduled and can maintain infection control precautions.

- The risks associated with visitation will be explained to the client and their visitors.
- CCLS-CLE will inform visitors when a visit needs to be adjusted or suspended due to an outbreak in the community or in the home. If any client or staff in the home has presented with symptoms or is in quarantine, we will notify the visitor to cancel and reschedule the visit.

THE DAY OF THE VISIT:

- CCLS staff will disinfect the visiting area before and after the visit.
- Visitors will participate in prescreening for fever and other symptoms of COVID-19 upon arrival to the home.
- If a visitor is positive for COVID-19, in a quarantine period, had symptoms within the past 48 hours, had been in contact with someone with symptoms, or had contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19 within the past 14 days, he/she is not to visit.
- The resident and visitors will use alcohol-based hand sanitizer provided by CCLS before and after the visit.
- Visitors will maintain a physical distance of at least six feet from other clients and staff in the facility.

THE VISIT

- Client and visitors will wear a face mask.
- Visitors will complete the Visitor Health Questionnaire upon arrival.
- If either the client or the visitor is not vaccinated, the safest approach is to maintain physical distancing of at least six feet for the duration of the visit.
- CCLS-CLE staff are required to wear masks.
- Visitors are to stay in the designated visiting area.
- If the resident is fully vaccinated, they can choose to have close contact with their visitor while wearing a well-fitting mask. If either party is not fully vaccinated, they are to maintain a social distance of at least six feet for the duration of the visit and refrain from holding hands, hugging, kissing, or other physical contact due to the risk of exposure.

AFTER THE VISIT

- CCLS-CLE reserves the right to restrict visits if visitor fails to follow COVID-19 related safety measures that put the client, housemates, or staff at risk. Prior to restricting visits, we will work with the visitor to address the concerns.

OFF-SITE VISITS OR ACTIVITIES

CCLS-CLE employees:

When you are asked by family/guardians for a client or resident to leave the program or facility, we ask you to print the [Off-Site Visit Guidelines](#) attached and hand it to the guardian/family member. Reasons a client may leave include but are not limited to going to the home of their guardian/family, attending community events, going shopping, going to a restaurant, and participating in other community activities.