



Transitional Care Center
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RE: Transitional Care Center Updated Visitation Requirements, Testing, Masking etc.

Dear Resident and/or Representative or Visitors:

Your safety and the safety of our residents is our highest priority.

LA County Department of Public Health (LAC DPH) COVID-19 guidelines in Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs) was recently updated on November 30, 2022. **Please carefully review the following guidelines prior to your visit:**

- 1) **Visitors are required to test within 24 hours prior to visiting.** This is effective as of next Wednesday, 12/7/2022. If testing is not done prior to arrival at the facility, we will offer over-the-counter (OTC) antigen tests for visitors to self-test prior to entry. Any visitor with a positive test result, regardless of symptoms, should reschedule their visit until after they have completed isolation.
- 2) **Visitors are strongly encouraged to stay up to date with your COVID and Influenza vaccinations.** For vaccination information or locations please visit <https://myturn.ca.gov> or <https://ph.lacounty.gov/howtogetvaccinated>.
- 3) **Visitors must undergo entry screening** for symptoms, recent COVID positive test, or recent COVID exposure.
 - a. Visitors with symptoms of possible COVID-19 infection are prohibited from entry and should not return until symptoms resolve. Symptoms include fever, chills, new onset cough or shortness of breath, new loss of taste or smell, muscle or body aches, headache, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, or not feeling well.
 - b. Visitors that have a recent COVID positive test may not visit the facility for 10 days from date of positive test.
 - c. Visitors that have had a recent exposure to someone with COVID, regardless of vaccination status, may not visit the facility for 14 days from exposure date. Visitors are encouraged to self-monitor for symptoms or test during this time as they may develop COVID from the exposure.

- 4) **Masks are mandatory.** State of California and Los Angeles County still require all individuals to wear masks in healthcare facilities. All visitors must wear a well-fitted mask with good filtration (N95, KF94, KN95, or surgical masks) throughout the visit whether indoors, in-room, or outdoors. Visitors to the red or yellow zone must wear a N95 respirator and perform a seal check.
- a. **Face Shields/Eye Protection:** Visitors must wear a face shield supplied by the facility when visiting the red and yellow zones and are strongly encouraged to wear a face shield in the green zone due to the level of COVID community transmission in LA County.
- 5) **Exposure risk.** Visitors that are visiting residents in the yellow (suspected COVID-19) or red zones (confirmed COVID-19) are at an increased risk of exposure for both indoor and outdoor visits. Wearing of required PPE is required which may assist with limiting your exposure but does not eliminate your exposure risk entirely. You should consider any health precautions you should take prior to taking this risk.

Infection Control Practices Required from All Visitors

- Must wear any other personal protective equipment (PPE) while in the resident's room.
- Residents must wear a well-fitting mask in addition to the visitor during the visit if possible.
- Physical distancing (6 feet) must be maintained between other residents, staff, and visitors.
- Visitors must stay in the resident's room or visiting area and must limit movement in the facility

If you have any questions, please contact the facility at 310-303-5900 or the Infection Preventionist at 310-303-5951.

Thank you for your understanding as we implement these new updated guidelines from the various public health agencies.