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Outdoor Visits at the Home on Eighth and Rehabilitation

We are excited to offer the opportunity for controlled outdoor visits with residents. We understand it has been a long time, but it has been critical for us to comply with the restrictions imposed on us by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and/or the Minnesota Department of Health regarding visitor restrictions. The safety of the residents is our number one concern.

If you choose to participate in an outdoor visit with a resident at the Home on Eighth and Rehabilitation, we want you to be aware of the following:

- Outdoor visits will be arranged by prior appointments only during the allotted timeframes and limited to 15 minutes.
- Visitors must supply their own face mask to be worn during the visit.
- Visits will be limited to two visitors and monitored by facility staff.
- We will require that you be screened for COVID-19 symptoms by answering a series of questions PRIOR to your visit and have your temperature taken. The screening form will be kept on file. Certain screening responses will result in the cancellation of the visit. You will also need to read and sign the Outdoor Visitation Risk Acknowledgment form that will be kept on file.
- We ask that you refrain from physical contact with your loved one (no hand holding, hugs, kisses, etc.).
- Visits must be restricted to the defined visit area, you must adhere to the areas marked in the visitation area that allow for proper social distancing with 6 feet between you and your loved one.
- Pets are allowed and if you choose to bring a pet to the outdoor visit it must remain on an extendible leash to accommodate 6 foot social distancing.
- We are taking all the necessary, required measures to protect our residents and staff while we provide a safe space for socialization and visitation. We are following the guidance provided by the Minnesota Department of Health on requirements for visitation, which includes screening, PPE, infection control and staffing.
- Please be patient as we roll out this next phase in visitation. As the virus is still being transmitted throughout our state, we may need to change visitation options based on a resident's status of COVID-19, the overall status of COVID-19 in our setting, and surrounding community.
- We may need to limit outdoor visitation due to weather.
- Availability will depend on the demand for outdoor visits, we will do our best to accommodate.
- Residents who are currently COVID-19 positive or are in a 14-day quarantine/observation period cannot participate in outdoor visits until transmission-based precautions are no longer required.
- Residents and visitors must wear a face mask during the visit, unless medically contraindicated or unable to be tolerated. Children's behavior must be controlled to adhere to the 6-foot distancing requirement.
- To schedule a visit, please contact Allison, Life Enrichment Mentor, aderaad@samaritanbethany.com or 507-424-4064.

We reserve the right to refuse or suspend a visit if requirements are not followed. We would be happy to discuss our rationale supporting such a decision. You may contact Kyla Berg, Community Leader at kberg@samaritanbethany.com or 507-424-4041.