



Dear GreenField Health & Rehabilitation Center Families and Friends,

On Wednesday January 12th, we received guidance from the State that we will need to begin screening all visitors to our facility for proof of a negative COVID 19 test. We understand the burden this places on visitors, and share in the disappointment with you. When regulations were loosened months ago, we welcomed many people back to our community with open arms. There were clear improvements in the social well being of not just our residents, but also our staff who have befriended many of you during your time visiting your loved ones. We remain hopefully that when the recent spike in positive cases decreases, we will get back to the normal flow of visitation.

Below are some direct quotes from the State's guidance:

All visitors must:

- Wear a well-fitting non-surgical paper mask or a mask of higher quality (i.e., surgical mask, KN95 or N95) at all times during any visitation at the facility. If the visitor wishes, a cloth mask may be placed over the paper mask. The masks must cover both the nose and the mouth
- Physically distance from facility personnel and other patients/residents/visitors that are not directly associated with the specific resident(s) being visited by that individual.
- All nursing homes licensed and regulated by the New York State Department of Health must verify that visitors have received a negative SARS-CoV-2 test result one day prior to visitation for antigen tests and two days prior to visitation for NAAT (e.g. PCR) tests. All visitors may use either NAAT testing or antigen testing. This means, for example, that a test for a Sunday visit should be conducted no earlier than Saturday if it's an antigen test or Friday if it's a PCR test. Any PCR or antigen test used must either have Emergency Use Authorization by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration or be operating per the Laboratory Developed Test requirements by the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
- For visitors who visit for multiple days, including a visitor who comes every day, proof of negative testing is required as often as feasible, at a minimum every third day (meaning at a minimum testing is required on day one, day 4, day 7, and so on). Because of this, we will require a test every other day.

All test results must be from an approved testing site, and a copy of the results must be turned in at the facility. We have no guidance on at home tests and cannot accept self-reported results at this time as there is no proof of the testing result or when it was taken. Additionally, please make sure to follow masking and distancing mandates. This will help keep our residents and hard working staff safe, and we would hate to restrict anyone's visitation based on unsafe practices that put others at risk. Please bear in mind this is a mandate from the State, we need 100% compliance or face sanctions that could potentially risk the facilities very viability. We are not allowed to make special arrangements or accommodations.

In an effort to give you time to comply, this policy will take effect on Monday January 17th, 2022. As always, thank you for your continued compassion and support, we are all in this together.

OTC COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Test Visitors

POLICY:

In an on-going effort to protect the health and safety of our Nursing Home Residents; all Visitors will be required to show proof of a negative COVID-19 test within 24- hours of their visit. iHealth OTC COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Self-Test for Visitors will be offered at the facility if necessary.

PROCEDURE:

The facility will track and monitor the frequency of testing and results obtained.

In the case of any visitor testing, the nursing home is allowed to provide a visitor with an iHealth OTC COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Test, and the visitor may test themselves. We will provide self covid testing at times the of 10:00am-4:00pm seven days a week. Any time after 4:00pm all seven days of the week you must present paper form proof of a negative covid test from a verified testing site.