



OakLeaf Homes Pandemic Visitation Protocol

During the current COVID-19 pandemic we have a responsibility to keep the individuals we support and the employees who work for us safe and healthy. With guidance from the Centers for Disease Control, the Ohio Department of Health and the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities, our Emergency Preparedness Team has implemented a stringent infection control protocol. The crisis is not over. The virus is still active, and a vaccine is likely months away. UCP of Greater Cleveland recognizes the importance of family connections and social engagement. At the same time, we must continue to be diligent in our efforts to keep everyone healthy. In order to balance the social benefits of connections with the risk of illness, we have planned a slow and careful return to family visits.

The Ohio Department of Health provided guidelines under the *Responsible RestartOhio* initiative on June 2, 2020, regarding visitation at Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities. DOH states that "Each facility can determine how to best implement outdoor visitations for their residents in a way that works best for them." We strongly encourage you to continue virtual options to augment in-person visitation. Examples include FaceTime, Skype, and Zoom.

Initiation of visitation will be contingent on:

- No rebound in cases in Ohio and adequate local hospital capacity
- No positive cases at the specific home
- No staffing shortages that would make visitation difficult for the smooth and safe operation of the home
- Adequate access to needed personal protective equipment (PPE)

Therefore, effective, June 8, 2020, if all above contingencies are met with the following requirements, **outdoor visits** will be permitted at Edendale and Memphis homes:

- Visits must be scheduled in advance with the Residential Manager, Sam Puccinelli, 216.409.0709.
- Upon arrival to the home, visitors must call the home and wait for a staff member to come to the vehicle car to accompany visitors to the outdoor visitation area.
- Visits are limited to thirty (30) minutes at the home with no more than two visitors per resident at a time
 - At this time, each resident can receive one visit per week, unless other arrangements have been pre-approved by the Residential Manager.
- There will be no access to the interior of the home, including no access to restrooms. Please plan accordingly.
- Visitors must properly wear a face covering/mask.
- Visitors must use hand sanitizer upon arrival.
- Visitors must always maintain six feet of physical distance from residents and staff.
- Visitors must avoid physical contact (hugging, handshakes, etc.).
- Visitors must agree to the following health screening upon arrival.
 - Temperature checks (must be below 100F)
 - Written questionnaire about symptoms and potential exposure
 - Observation of any signs or symptoms of illness
- A staff member must always be present during the visit to monitor safety of residents and to ensure social distancing and proper use of masks.
- Visitors will receive education about the risks of the spread of COVID-19 (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention-H.pdf>).

I have read this visitation protocol and am committed to follow these guidelines to protect my family member/friend and the people whom he/she lives with and the staff who provide services. Please keep in mind that visitation can be revoked at any time to ensure the health and safety of residents and staff.

Signature

Person you are visiting

Date