

# *IVH Visitation Update & Essential Family Caregiver (EFC) Program*

## IVH Visitation Update

Visitation is between the hours of 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. daily.

It is no longer a requirement to be vaccinated to visit your loved one in their room. Everyone at IVH is excited that we can do this, and here are the requirements to be able to visit in their rooms.

- You must be screened at the Pyle Switchboard for any signs or symptoms of illness.
- You will need to complete the Visitor Screening Tool.
- You will need to complete the Visitor Log to include your contact information in case we need to reach you for any reason.
- Visitors are no longer required to show proof of vaccinations to visit their loved ones on the unit.
- You will then leave Pyle building and walk outside to the building that your loved one resides in.
- You can then go directly to their room and visit. You will be required to wear a surgical mask while inside the facility due to new recommendations from the CDC to help prevent the spread of the Delta variant of COVID-19.
- You will need to leave the building you are visiting and report back to Pyle Switchboard to check out. This is very important that you do this.

**Please note: ONLY volunteers that follow the required CDC COVID guidelines are allowed to participate in activities with other residents present. If the CDC COVID guidelines are not followed, they can visit with their loved one only.**

## Essential Family Caregiver (EFC) Program

Compassionate Care Visitation including Essential Family Caregiver (EFC): Visitation must be allowed in compassionate care circumstances regardless of the resident's vaccination status, including during outbreak testing and when the positivity rate is more than 10%, even if the resident is in transmission-based precautions (Yellow or Red Zone). Such circumstances include but are not limited to:

- End-of-life situations
- A resident, who was living with his/her family before recently being admitted to a nursing home, is struggling with the change in environment and lack of physical family support.
- A resident who is grieving after a friend or family member recently died .
- A resident who needs cueing and encouragement with eating or drinking, previously provided by family and/or caregiver(s), is experiencing weight loss or dehydration.
- A resident, who used to talk and interact with others, is experiencing emotional distress, seldom speaking, or crying more frequently (when the resident rarely cried in the past).
- A resident's relative or other loved one is an essential caregiver for the resident.

