



## St. Luke Health Services Visitation Guidelines

Effective 11/16/21

**WELCOME!** Based on revised guidelines issued by the Federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), there are no longer any restrictions regarding how often you can visit or the length of a visit. In addition, visits are no longer required to be scheduled in advance. As was our policy prior to COVID, after 9:00 p.m. the main entrance will not have an employee available to unlock the door. You will need to let the staff on the unit or the Nursing Supervisor know when you leave after 9:00 p.m. These guidelines apply to everyone.

CMS guidance requires all Nursing Homes and those visiting during this pandemic to;

1. Adherence to the “*Core Principles of COVID-19 Infection Prevention*” including:
  - a) Mask wearing at all times,
  - b) Maintaining social distancing,
  - c) Hand Sanitization – proper hand hygiene
2. Please do not enter our building if you are feeling ill in any way.
3. When Oswego County community transmission rates as designated by the CDC are at substantial or high levels, (<https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view>) we encourage visitors to be tested for COVID-19 within two to three days prior to visiting and only consider visiting if the test result is negative.
4. All those entering must complete a health screening and sign an attestation that you meet all the guidelines outlined on the sign-in sheet.
5. All visitors must go directly to the resident’s room *and* visits are to be conducted in resident rooms only.
6. To help ensure the safety of others, visitors are not permitted to walk around other areas of the facility.
7. Visits in shared rooms have the curtain pulled between you and the roommate and respect the roommates’ privacy and rights.
8. Visitors are to go directly to the lobby after your visit ends and exit the building. For safety purposes, please be sure to sign-out when exiting the building in the main lobby.
9. We join CMS in strongly encouraging all visitors to become vaccinated.

***Thank you for helping to ensure that our residents, staff and all those entering our building remain safe during this pandemic.***