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**Policy:**

It is the policy of Verrazano Nursing and Post-Acute Center to update our visitation policy and procedure based on CDC/DOH guidelines for visitors to see their families and loved ones while ensuring safety and adherence to infection prevention strategies to minimize any potential spread of infection.

**Procedure:**

- Visitation will still be in effect from Monday to Sunday during the hours of 9am to 8 pm
- All visitors will be screened upon entry to the facility for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 (e.g., temperature checks, questions about and observation for signs and symptoms of COVID-19),
- All visitors will perform hand hygiene as required (alcohol base hand sanitizer is preferred).
- All visitors must wear either a surgical mask, KN95 or N95 at all times during any visitation at the facility. Visitors must remain adequate distancing while in the facility at all times during visitation of their family/loved ones.
- **The facility will verify that visitors have received a negative SARS-CoV-2 test result one day prior to visitation for antigen tests (rapid testing) and two days prior to visitation for NAAT (e.g. PCR) tests. All visitors may use either NAAT testing or antigen testing. Upon entry into the facility family members/loved ones will be required to show proof of either COVID test and some form of ID to verify themselves to either the receptionist or the security guard on duty for that shift.**

**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).**

**The facility will only supply to families on a case by case basis if supplies permit of iHealth OTC COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Tests if he/she does not have other valid proof of a negative test conducted in the required timeframe, on the condition that the visitor must test him/herself at the facility and wait until results come by negative before going upstairs to see their loved ones.**

**Exemptions:**

**Compassionate caregiving visitors, who are visiting in anticipation of the end of a resident's life or in the instance of a significant mental, physical, or social decline or crisis of a resident don't need to show proof of COVID status with or w/out being fully vaccinated.**