

MJF SOUTH DAKOTA VETERANS HOME'S VISITOR GUIDELINES

Visitation is available 7 days a week – Normal visiting hours are 8am to 10pm

If you would like to visit outside of these hours, please contact the facility to set up an alternative time. Per CMS: "Visits should be conducted in a manner that adheres to the Core Principles of COVID-19 Infection Prevention and does not increase risk to other residents."

1. Visitor(s) must adhere to IPC instructions posted at the front entrance and throughout the facility, including masking instructions.
 - a. Visitor(s) will be required to wear a mask if the county hospitalization rate is HIGH, if the facility is on outbreak status, or if the visitor has otherwise had source control recommended to them by public health authorities (e.g., has runny nose, cough, sneezing, etc.)
2. Visitation during an outbreak investigation: if residents or their representative would like to have a visit during an outbreak investigation, the visit should ideally occur in the resident's room, the resident and their visitors should wear well-fitting source control (if tolerated) and physically distance (if possible) during the visit.
3. Visitor(s) must use alcohol-based hand rub before and after visits.
4. Visitors with children must be able to manage them, & the child(ren) must be able to wear a face mask if necessary.
5. Visitor(s) must not have signs/symptoms of COVID-19 (including fever) at time of visit.
6. Visitor(s) must not be identified as a close contact to a COVID-19 positive individual within the 10 days before the visit.
 - a. If the visit is not avoidable (e.g., end of life visit), the visitor must wear a mask through the entirety of their visit, including inside the resident's room.
7. Visitor(s) do not need an escort as long as they are correctly wearing a face mask or covering when indicated by the Community Transmission Rate, and know where the resident room is located.
 - a. Visitor(s) still may request an escort if they please.
8. Visitors are asked that they go directly to the resident's room or designated visitation area. Visitors are asked to not walk around other hallways.
9. Visitor(s) may bring single serving, commercially packaged food items to residents during visits. This includes carry out items from local restaurants still in restaurant packaging, or items from the store such as candy bars, muffins, etc., still in original packaging.
10. Physical contact – this is the exact guideline from CMS: "We also acknowledge that there is no substitute for physical contact, such as the warm embrace between a resident and their loved one, they can choose to have close contact (including touch) with their visitor. Regardless, visitors should physically distance from other residents and staff in the facility."
11. Restrooms will be available in main lobby - we encourage visitors to use main lobby restroom before going to resident's room
12. If you need to use the restroom once on the household, there is a public restroom available on household, but staff will have to unlock the household public bathroom if it is locked.
13. We highly recommend that visitors (if eligible) are vaccinated against COVID-19 prior to visiting.
14. We highly recommend that visitors be tested for COVID before coming to the facility (e.g., within 2–3 days). Visitors may request a COVID test be done at the facility before their visit.
15. Pet Visit -Vaccinated (vaccination records must be provided 1 week in advance), potty trained pet may be brought for a visit to specific resident's room. One pet at a time. Must be manageable and on a leash.

These visit restrictions do not apply to those residents placed on end-of-life or compassionate care visits.

For our most current COVID-19 status and updates, please call 605-745-5127 and press option 9