

COVID-19 UPDATE DATE

March 22, 2021

Indoor Visits

Indoor visits are anticipated to start March 24th. These visits will be prescheduled by contacting Mary Smith at 802-447-6539 Monday to Friday from 1pm to 4pm. She will not be taking call after hours and on weekends for visitation appointments.

1. Visitors will enter the neighborhood using the same neighborhood entrance that the staff uses.
2. Visitors will be provided a copy of VVH's visitation guidelines.
3. Visitors should be monitored or escorted to ensure they go directly to the Veteran's or Member's room or designated visitation area.
4. Veterans or Members with a private room will have their visits in their room.
5. Veterans or Members in a semi-private room will have their visits take place in a visitation room on each neighborhood.
6. Visits will take place during the following times, on all neighborhoods:
 - a. Monday thru Friday 1pm to 4:30pm and 6pm to 7pm
 - b. Saturday and Sunday 10am to 11:30am and 1pm to 4:30pm and 6pm to 7pm.
7. Visits are 30 minutes in length, 2 adult visitors at a time; children are allowed to visit and those over 2 years of age should wear a facial covering.
8. Visitors may bring items directly to the Veteran or Member.
9. Visitors cannot eat or drink during the visit.
10. Veterans or Members can enjoy food or beverages brought to the visit by a family member.
11. Pets are allowed at visits.
12. If the weather permits visitors may take the Veteran or Member outside but must continue to wear a facial covering. Visitors must notify the charge nurse that they are taking the Veteran or Member outside. Visits still remain 30 minutes in length regardless of location.

13. Visitors must use hand sanitizer upon entering the building, as needed during the visit, and at the end of the visit.
14. Visitors must wear a mask at all times, no other PPE is required unless the Veteran or Member is on precautions requiring the use of additional PPE.
15. Veterans or Members on quarantine are not allowed to have visitors except for compassionate care visits.
16. A brief hug at the beginning and end of each visit is allowed. Visitors must use hand sanitizer just prior to and after the hug and must keep their facial covering on. Veterans and Members must sanitize their hands just prior to and after the hug and should be encouraged to wear a facial covering.
17. Staff supervision of visits is not necessary, but staff should check in with the visitors at least once to ensure they are being compliant with the visitation rules.
18. Visitors will be given a copy of the visitation rules upon entering the facility.
19. Visitors will be screened prior to each visit.
20. Vaccination status and recent PCR tests for visitors are not required.
21. Visitors must remain in the Veteran's or Member's room unless they need to speak to staff.
22. Visitors cannot move about the unit or visit any other resident, no exceptions.