

August 15, 2022

Visitation Policy

Please do not visit if you are experiencing signs/symptoms of COVID-19, were recently exposed to an individual with COVID-19 or you are currently positive for COVID-19

Screening Requirements

- All visitors must complete the required screening via the Accushield device prior to visiting with their Veteran or member. **Please don't forget to sign out using this device at the conclusion of your visit.**
- Upon successful completion of the screening process the Accushield device will print out a visitor sticker than must be worn in a visible location for the duration of your visit.
- If the device does not print out a sticker you must call the Nursing Supervisor at 802-375-5909. They will come to your location to address the issue and you will either be allowed to visit or prevented from visiting if you failed to pass the screening process.
- Please use the alcohol prep pads to wipe down the screen of the accushield device prior to and after use.

Facial Coverings, Hand Hygiene & Social Distancing

- Surgical or cloth masks, covering you nose and mouth, are required at all times when in the hallways.
- Facial coverings are strongly encouraged for the duration of your visit, but they can be removed if all visitors and the Veteran or Member are up to date on their vaccinations and you are in the designated visiting area or in your loved one's room.
- Alcohol-based hand sanitizer must be used prior to visiting and its frequent use is encouraged through out your visit.
- Visitors must maintain at least 6 feet of distance between themselves and other visitors, residents, and staff.
- Private locations will be made available for family members to speak with staff regarding healthcare information while allowing for social distancing.

- ***You may only visit your family member, visitors*** are prohibited from visiting with other residents, attending meals, or activity programs.

Visit Locations

- Veterans and members in a private room or a semi-private room without a roommate can have visitors in their rooms.
- ***Visitors are prohibited from the dining room and/or indoor activities.***
- Veterans and Members in semi-private rooms must use the designated visiting areas on each neighborhood. Roommates will not be asked or required to leave the room.
- Designated visiting areas are on a first come first serve basis.
- If the designated visiting area is in use, please speak to staff who will attempt to find another indoor location on the neighborhood for your visit.
- Visitors are prohibited from going to other neighborhoods or other parts of the building for visits.
- Visitors may take the Veteran or Member outside of the facility-on-facility grounds.
- Off property and overnight visits are allowed. Overnight visits require 48 hours' notice to ensure your loved one's medications are available.

Visits During Positive Cases

- Visiting when a neighborhood has positive COVID-19 cases bring with it the risk of contracting COVID-19.
- VVH strongly encourages you not to visit when a neighborhood is under quarantine.
- Veterans/Members who are positive for COVID-19 must remain in their rooms and will not be able to use the common visitation areas.
- Visitors must wear mask/facial covering at all times when visiting on a quarantine unit.

Other Important Information

- Food can be enjoyed during visits but cannot be shared with other Veterans and Members due to potential food allergies and specific dietary needs.

- Appointments are not required for visits however we ask that if you are going to visit before 10am or after 8am you notify the facility. This will ensure you loved one's care has been completed and to ensure the roommate is not disturbed.
- VVH can limit or restrict visitation if a visitor repeatedly fails to comply with our visitation policy/guidelines.