



IGHL and Affiliates Residential Visitation Protocol

Effective Friday, March 19, 2021

POLICY

IGHL and Affiliates acknowledges its responsibilities to insure that proper infection-control measures are in place within our facilities; specifically, regarding the Covid emergency. It is also recognized that the ability of our residents to visit with their family and other loved ones within their own home environment contributes significantly to their well-being.

PROCEDURE

- I. In order to insure that visitation by outside parties can occur safely within our certified residential facilities during the Covid emergency, the following procedures must be followed:
 1. Visitation will be permitted in the case where there are no active, confirmed Covid cases, no mandatory testing being done, no quarantine in place and/or confirmed exposures within the facility during the last 14 days.
 2. Each residential director will be responsible for establishing appropriate visitation hours, schedules and on-site visitation locations, all relative to, but not limited to:
 - a. the size and physical composition of the home; segregating visitation from other active parts of the residence,
 - b. staff availability,
 - c. individual resident social and medical needs,
 - d. the program's ability to implement infection-control measures between visits.
 3. All visits must be pre-scheduled by the outside party and approved by the assigned administrator.
 - a. This protocol will be posted on agency websites and should be relayed to interested outside parties in the most suitable manner possible.
 4. Potential visitors should be reminded of the opportunity they have to provide home-visits for their loved ones at their home location through the "PROTOCOL FOR THE OFFERING OF HOME VISITS FOR INDIVIDUALS RESIDING IN IGHL, CDD AND ANGELA'S HOUSE CERTIFIED RESIDENCES, EFFECTIVE JULY 24, 2020.
 5. All scheduled visits must be arranged to insure that multiple family units are not within the facility at the same time and so that there is adequate time between visits for any exposed common areas to be disinfected.
 6. The number of visitors allowed per visit must be appropriate to the space available and the location of the visit; such as no more than two visitors within an enclosed bedroom or living room, however up to four visitors when the visit can occur outdoors.

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- a. To the extent possible, multiple visitors should be restricted to those of the same family/household.
7. All visitors must be 18 years of age or older, unless special circumstances exist and are otherwise authorized by the responsible director.
8. Upon arrival at the residence, each visitor must participate in a “Daily Health Check”; with that check being documented on the Daily Health Check form. Failure to participate, or a negative answer to any of the questions posed will disqualify any visitor from entering the property.
9. Other residents and staff not involved with a specific visit should be instructed to maintain their social distance.
10. All visitors must wear a face-mask at all times during the visit and maintain social distance to the extent possible. Masks, hand-washing supplies and other necessary Personal Protective Equipment will be provided by the residence as needed.
11. Visitation should occur out-of-doors whenever possible, or indoors in designated areas such as dens as possible. Visits can occur within bedrooms, but only if the resident has a single-room. The entire visit should be contained to the designated area.
12. Areas that are used for visitation should be thoroughly disinfected at the conclusion of the visit.