

AHAVA Memory Care Visitation and Outings

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ENTERING AHAVA:

- Visitors over 12 years of age should sign in at the kiosk in the Winter Garden. No visits are permitted to anyone unable to pass kiosk screening.
- Regardless of their vaccination status, visitors MUST wear an approved, well-fitting facemask at all times when in the building when the Allegheny County COVID transmission rate is moderate to high per the CDC Data Tracker, which may be found here:
https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view|Pennsylvania|42003|Risk|community_transmission_level
- Fabric masks are not acceptable.
- Visitors should be aware of the potential risk of visiting the facility during periods of outbreak investigation. However, they may still have in-room visitation while practicing infection control principles.
- Due to the risks associated with the transmissions of the virus by variants and breakthrough infections, and for the safety of all residents, visitors and staff, JAA requests that facemasks remain on for all visitors both vaccinated and unvaccinated during all visits.
- Visitors must sanitize their hands upon entrance to the residential community.
- Visitors must sign out and leave through the designated doors when exiting.

OUTDOOR VISITATION: FOR VACCINATED AND UNVACCINATED RESIDENTS AND VISITORS:

- Weather permitting, visits may take place outside of the facility in designated areas.
 - AHAVA activities staff members are responsible ensuring enough space for social distancing during outdoor visits.
 - AHAVA staff members are responsible for placing and maintaining visible markers to indicate where chairs should be placed during outdoor visits in order to accommodate social distancing.
 - Children should remain with their group during the duration of the visit. Children over two years old should wear masks at all times.
 - In order to allow for proper social distancing at AHAVA, a limit of three (3) children are permitted for a scheduled outdoor visit. This accommodation requires a specific seating area. Therefore, visitors coming with three (3) children are asked to schedule this in advance and alert staff prior to the visit.
 - Residents and visitors must wear well-fitting facemasks during outdoor visitation. For residents who cannot tolerate a facemask, a FACE SHIELD may be worn in place of a facemask during the visit.
 - Residents may choose to have close contact during outdoor visits, within six (6) feet of visitors, if both resident and visitors are wearing well-fitting facemasks (or face shields for residents who cannot tolerate facemasks).
 - One pet is permitted for outdoor visits; the owner is responsible for cleaning up pet waste promptly. Pets may not enter the building at any point during the visit.
 - Outdoor visitation areas (tables, chairs) are disinfected after each visit.
 - Food and drink are NOT permitted during visits to AHAVA.

INDOOR AND IN-ROOM VISITATION FOR VACCINATED AND UNVACCINATED VISITORS:

- Indoor visitation adheres to the following rules. NO EXCEPTIONS are permitted:
 - All indoor visitors are screened through the kiosk upon entry.
 - All indoor visitations occur in the designated areas outlined by AHAVA staff.
 - Hand sanitizer is provided to visitors before entering designated area.
 - ⊖ All visitors must wear well-fitting facemasks at all times, while in common areas and in resident rooms. AHAVA can provide surgical facemasks to anyone who does not have a mask, or has a mask that does not fit the face properly. Fabric masks are not permitted.
 - All indoor visitation not occurring in resident rooms MUST occur only in the designated areas outlined by AHAVA.
 - Unauthorized visitation occurring in common areas will not be permitted.
 - Resident dining areas are not authorized visiting areas. Therefore, visitors may not join residents in dining areas during meals.
 - AHAVA activity staff members may occasionally monitor visits if visitation occurs in an authorized area outside of the resident room.
 - After each visit, the indoor visitation area is disinfected and cleaned by assigned staff.
 - Congregating outside of resident rooms and taking walks inside facility corridors are not permitted.
 - If facemasks are maintained during indoor visits, residents and visitors may have close contact based on preferences and needs of the resident.
 - Doors should remain closed during in room visits.
 - ⊖ The number of individuals allowed during indoor visitation are limited based on ability to social distance. There must be a capability to socially distance by six feet during all visitation.
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 - ⊖ After sanitizing hands, residents and visitors may choose to have close contact while wearing masks (or face shield for residents). All children must be able to wear a well-fitting mask provided by the visitor, and must be able to adhere to the guidelines set forth for visitation including social distancing and food and drink policy.
 - ⊖ One pet is permitted per visit. However, the pet must remain on a leash or in a carrier for the entire visit. The visitor is responsible for any clean up required.
 - ⊖ The pet is not permitted in the dining area.

COMPASSIONATE CARE VISITS

- Compassionate care visits are permitted at all times.
- Visitors should follow the guidelines presented in the “Indoor and In-Room Visitation” section of this policy.

MEDICAL OUTINGS: FOR VACCINATED AND UNVACCINATED RESIDENTS:

- For vaccinated residents, medical outings other than hospital stays and emergency room visits pose low risk because they take place in a controlled environment.
- For unvaccinated residents, medical outings of any kind present a moderate risk. Therefore, residents should be included in JAA’s regular testing schedule for unvaccinated residents who have left the facility.
- All residents leaving the facility for medical appointments are to wear an approved, well-fitting facemask.
- Per the CDC, routine testing is no longer recommended for vaccinated residents. Therefore, vaccinated residents going to medical outings will not be required to test during periods of low to moderate community transmission unless a known exposure takes place.

- During times of high community transmission or when evidence of breakthrough infections is present, vaccinated residents who go on medical outings may be placed on a testing schedule at the discretion of the facility.

LEISURE OUTINGS: FOR VACCINATED AND UNVACCINATED RESIDENTS:

- Vaccinated and unvaccinated residents are permitted to participate in outings.
 - Residents and families should be educated about COVID transmission and safe practices prior to their outing.
 - The facility should be notified of outings with family members prior to them occurring.
 - Family members should have their temperature taken prior to taking residents out.
 - Nursing staff members communicate with the family to share the nature of the outing.
 - During periods of moderate or high transmission rates in the community, education and recommendations about appropriate activities are provided to families. Low-risk and high-risk activities should be identified during the initial conversation, in addition to encouraging family members to be vaccinated and/or tested prior to taking loved ones for extended outings.
 - Residents must sign out prior to leaving the facility. Nursing staff keeps track of residents leaving the facility for outings and unvaccinated residents are COVID tested on or around Day 5 after returning.
 - During periods of low or moderate transmission rates in the county, vaccinated residents are not required to undergo routine testing.
 - Vaccinated residents may be subject to routine COVID testing after outings if the community transmission rate of COVID is high.
 - Unvaccinated residents are subject to regular COVID testing and isolation precautions if they experience a known COVID exposure and/or are displaying any symptoms of COVID.
 - Vaccinated residents are subject to masking and testing if they experience a known COVID exposure, and will be subject to isolation precautions if displaying any symptoms of COVID.
 - Nursing staff and the infection control manager reserve the right to institute isolation for any resident who participates in a high-risk activity while out of the building, including the following:
 - ⊖ Indoor gatherings of people from multiple households when masks are not worn for the entire event and the county transmission rate is high per CDC. Concerts, sporting events, and weddings are considered on a case-by-case basis depending on the ability to social distance and use of masks by all attendees. These may result in a quarantine for residents.