

Partridge-Tippett Nursing Facility – Wesley Village

COMPASSIONATE CARE VISITOR EXPECTATIONS

COMPASSIONATE CARE VISITATION has been established in accordance with the recent guidance by the PA Department of Health (DOH). Access will be given to caregivers in order to improve a resident's health and well-being based on 2 or more significant changes in the residents condition and documented in the resident's care plan.

A **Compassionate Caregiver** may be a qualified family member, friend, volunteer, or other individual identified by a resident, the resident's family, or facility staff to provide the resident with compassionate care.

To qualify, the individual must:

- a. In accordance with state guidelines, Caregivers are required to have a negative COVID-19 test before visiting. When scheduling your visit, staff will explain current testing requirements.
- b. Comply with all ongoing testing requirements that apply to facility staff, pursuant to all state guidelines and orders.
- c. Be responsible for arranging and covering the cost of all testing.
- d. Comply with all pre-visitation health screenings and infection control requirements for safe visitation (refer to expectations below).

What to Expect

- Visitation is limited to Compassionate Caregiver visits of no more than two (2) hours per day and no more than two (2) caregivers per resident at a time.
- Visitation will be denied to individuals with COVID-19 risk factors.
- Comply with recommended hand hygiene and wear a face mask that covers your nose and mouth at all times during the visit. Caregivers must bring their own non-cloth face mask or they will not be permitted to enter. Caregivers agree to the proper use of all (PPE).
- Refrain from touching non-essential surfaces.
- Caregivers will limit contact and practice social distancing with residents and others in the facility.
- Caregivers will remain in designated visitation areas.
- Failure to adhere to all safety measures will result in suspension of the visit.
- Caregivers will have a specific schedule.

Compassionate Care Visitation Criteria

Baseline criteria, based upon the resident's condition, must be met prior to allowing compassionate care visitation by caregivers. Per the PA Department of Health (DOH), such visitation "may be considered if there are two or more documented "significant change(s)" in a resident's condition".

The DOH defines a "significant change" as a major decline or improvement in a resident's status that:

- a. Will not normally resolve itself without intervention by staff or by implementing standard disease-related clinical interventions;
- b. Is not considered "self-limiting" (e.g., will not normally resolve itself without further intervention or by staff implementing standard clinical interventions to resolve the condition.)
- c. Impacts more than one area of the resident's health status; and
- d. Requires interdisciplinary review and/or revision of the care plan.