



Infection Prevention in Healthcare Settings



Considerations for vaccinated populations



While more and more people are getting vaccinated against COVID-19, it is still important to take preventive measures to avoid and control the spread of SARS-CoV-2 infection in healthcare settings. Here are the current recommendations:

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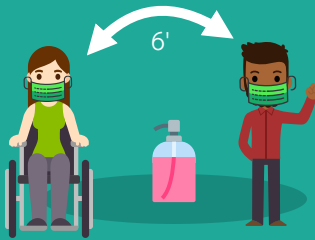
COVID-19 Screening Practices



Actively screen all individuals who enter the facility for signs and symptoms of COVID-19, regardless of the visitor's vaccination status.

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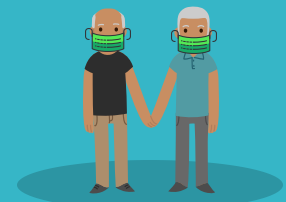
Core Infection Prevention measures



Continue all core infection prevention practices including:
Mask-wearing (well-fitting)
Hand hygiene
Physical distancing
Cleaning and disinfection
Outbreak containment

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Visitation Considerations



Visitation permitted for residents of healthcare facilities with these considerations:*

- Encourage outdoor visits
- Maintain masking protocols
- Manage visitor flow
- Limit contact of visitor with others

*Parameters for visitor restrictions in #4

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Visitation Restrictions



Visitation should be limited to **ONLY** compassionate care visits when any of these conditions are met:

- County positivity rate is >10% and <70% of residents are vaccinated*
- A resident is actively infected
- A resident is quarantined
- The outbreak has spread to more than one area

*Applicable to unvaccinated residents only

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Quarantine



ALL residents (regardless of vaccination status) should continue to quarantine for 14 days following close contact with a COVID-19 positive individual.

Quarantine is no longer recommended by CDC for fully vaccinated new admissions if they have not had prolonged close contact with a case

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Work Restrictions



Fully vaccinated HCP* exposures who are asymptomatic do NOT need to be restricted from work following an exposure.

*Maintain work restrictions for HCP that are immunocompromised

Resources:

CMS guidance for visitation: <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-20-39-nh-revised.pdf>

CDC guidance for vaccinated healthcare personnel: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/infection-control-after-vaccination.html>



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