



Saint Patrick's Home

REHABILITATION AND HEALTH CARE CENTER

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Dear Family, Friends, and Residents,

We continue to navigate through the ever-changing regulations from the CDC, CMS, and NYSDOH relative to the COVID-19 virus, protocols, and recommendations. Our visitations have been going very well and we thank you for your continued understanding and cooperation.

In an effort to make things less complicated we would like to continue our Visitation **without** having to call for an appointment. Beginning Monday, June 28, 2021 we will have Visitation between the hours of **10:00 AM and 7:00 PM Monday through Friday, and 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM on Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays. There will not be visiting during mealtimes between 12 Noon and 1:00 PM and 5:00 to 6:00 PM.** You will **not** need to call for an appointment. Visits will be for **one hour** in length and you will need to be screened upon entry, receive a mask (if needed), fill out the required screening form, and receive your Visitation Slip with the time allotted if you are visiting in a resident's room. You can proceed to the resident's room or visit in the Florida Room or Outdoors. You will be able to bring your resident to these areas. **No visiting will be permitted in the common areas of the nursing units or undesignated common areas of the building.** There is still a maximum of 3 visitors per resident. The facility reserves the right to limit the number of visitors in the facility at any one time to assure all safety and infection control precautions are being followed. If the resident has a roommate, we need to be cognizant of their right to privacy as well.

Compassionate Care Visits remain the same. Compassionate Caregiving Visits are for one hour and are allowed regardless of a resident being on Transmission Based Precautions.

In our continuing efforts to keep Residents, Families and Staff up to date on new DOH regulations, we are sharing the following regarding Personal Caregiving Visitors (PCV) and Compassionate Caregiving Visitors (CCV) during declared emergencies (such as the pandemic).

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Residents/Representatives have the opportunity to designate individuals (two Personal or Compassionate Caregivers at one time) to serve as their personal and/or compassionate caregiver during a declared local or state health emergency. A Form will be signed to this effect and will be placed, and updated periodically, in the Resident's file.

Definitions:

A "Personal Caregiving Visitor" (PCV) is defined as a family member, close friend or legal guardian of a Resident, designated by such Resident, or such Resident's lawful Representative, to assist with personal caregiving. Personal Caregiving is defined as care and support of a Resident to benefit such Resident's mental, physical, or social well-being. *PERSONAL CARE VISITS ARE NOT PERMITTED FOR ANY RESIDENT WHO IS ON TRANSMISSION BASED PRECAUTIONS UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE RESIDENT IS REMOVED FROM SUCH PRECAUTIONS (NYCRR 415.3 (D)(4).*

A "Compassionate Caregiving Visitor" (CCV) is defined as person who would improve a Resident's quality of life if experiencing long term or acute physical, mental or psychosocial health conditions in the opinion of the Resident, their legal Representative or health care professional.

A "Designated Personal and Compassionate Caregivers" assignment form is required and attached to this letter. We will designate the 1st and 2nd Responsible Parties we have listed in our records as PCV and CCV unless we hear from you that you wish this to be changed. **We do require that the attached form be returned to us as soon as possible with your decision and/or any changes noted.** Please return the form to the Social Worker assigned to your resident's unit via email, USPS, or you may drop it off at the front desk.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding of the restrictions imposed upon us during this pandemic. We will keep you updated of any and all changes as they occur.

Sincerely,



Sister Diane Mack
Administrator



Sister Kevin Patricia Lynch
CEO

ST. PATRICK'S HOME

Designated Personal and Compassionate Caregivers

The New York State Department of Health issued emergency regulations regarding Personal and Compassionate Caregivers in Skilled Nursing Facilities. These regulations allow you to choose a "Personal Caregiving Visitor" which can be a family member, a close friend, or a legal guardian designated by you, or your lawful representative, to assist with Personal Caregiving or Compassionate Caregiving for you. Personal Caregiving is defined as care and support of a resident to benefit such resident's mental, physical, or social well-being, and Compassionate Caregiving is defined as Personal Caregiving provided in anticipation of the end of the resident's life or in the instance of significant mental, physical, or social decline or crisis.

St. Patrick's Home is inquiring as to whether you would like to designate a Personal or Compassionate Caregiver in the event of a Public Health Emergency. This would allow the individual you choose to be able to enter the facility after specific screenings to provide you with the care and support you need.

Resident Name: _____ Room #: _____ Date: _____

Resident's Representative (if applicable): _____

I designate the following individual(s) to be my Personal Caregiver(s):

I designate the following individual(s) to be my Compassionate Caregiver(s)

- I do not wish to designate a Personal or Compassionate Caregiver at this time.

The facility will periodically check with me to ensure that the above individual(s) remain as my caregivers, or I can change my caregiver(s) at any time by informing the Social Worker.

Resident or Resident Representative Signature

Date

Facility Representative or Designee Signature

Date

Documented/Charted by: Admissions

Nursing

Social Work

Print Staff Name

Title