

SARS-CoV-2 / COVID-19 EDUCATION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK

Our goal is to provide visitation opportunities with your loved one while providing a safe environment for our elders, staff and visitors. As a skilled nursing facility (SNF), A.G. Rhodes is following guidance from several governing agencies including but not limited to, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), the Georgia Department of Health (DPH), and local health departments.

SARS-CoV-2 or COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that spreads from person to person. Symptoms of COVID-19 include, but are not limited to, fever, cough, and shortness of breath. Reported illnesses may range from very mild (including some with no reported symptoms) to severe, including death. Most severe illness occurs exponentially in older adults; however, people of all ages are at risk of contracting COVID-19. At any time, the community may have elders recovering from COVID-19.

Please ask a staff member for assistance before visiting if you have any questions regarding visitor education, COVID-19 signs and symptoms, infection control precautions, instructional signage posted or other applicable practices in place.

The following are precautionary measures for those visiting an elder(s) on community grounds to minimize risk of COVID-19 exposure and infection:

- Visitors must complete screening protocol before being allowed to visit. This protocol includes screening questions, temperature checks, reviewing & acknowledging visitor education, and filling out all fields on kiosk or visitor log.
- Observe proper hand hygiene before, during and after your visit by using soap and water or the alcohol-based hand sanitizers that are located throughout the building.
- Observe proper cough etiquette
- Staying up to date with COVID-19 immunization is highly recommended
- Visitors with confirmed COVID-19 infection or compatible symptoms should defer non-urgent visitation
- For visitors who have had close contact with someone with COVID-19 infection or were in another situation that put them at higher risk for transmission, it is safest to defer non-urgent in-person visitation for 10 days
- Elders on transmission-based precautions (TBP) or quarantine, while not recommended, can still receive visitors in the elder's room.
 - The visitor should take the direct route to the elder's room to visit; please do not wander the building or visit with other elders or staff.
 - The elder and visitor should wear a well-fitting facemask, perform proper hand hygiene and perform social distancing whenever possible
 - Please ask a staff member for information / assistance on alternate ways for elder and visitor to interact such as video calls on cell phones or tablets
- There is instructional signage throughout the building for education and as reminders to safety measures
- In the event of an outbreak, visitation will include wearing face coverings/masks, (if tolerated), other Personal Protective Equipment as appropriate, regardless of vaccination status, and visits should occur in elder's private room or a private visitation area

Upon completion of this screening, the kiosk will print a visit badge. It is mandatory to wear this badge at all times during your visit and be visible for staff to see. If you are not wearing a badge, you understand that you will be asked to leave the premises.

I acknowledge that I have read and fully understand this document. I further acknowledge that I am accepting these personal risks and conditions.

Warning Under Georgia law, there is no liability for an injury or death of an individual entering these premises if such injury or death results from the inherent risks of contracting COVID-19.

You are assuming this risk by entering these premises.

Learn more about COVID-19 here: <https://www.cdc.gov/covid/about/index.html>