

Fulfilling Our Promise



Steere House

NURSING & REHABILITATION CENTER

May 13, 2021

Dear Friends and Family Members,

Steere House is revising our visitor guidance in light of new Rhode Island Dept. of Health information. PLEASE share this information with other family members. We ask families to plan with one another regarding visits.

This NEW policy will be evaluated periodically and amended as needed or required by RIDOH.

All changes begin on MONDAY, May 17th 2021. Any appointments scheduled beginning Monday, May 17th are cancelled. Please follow the new visit policy below. Please note the stated visiting hours in this policy.

Appointments are NO longer required for routine visits:

VISITING HOURS:

8:00 am to 10:00 am

2:00 pm to 6:00 pm

There will be two options for visitors:

1. Outdoor visits (preferred). Visits will follow RI guidance for social distance and mask wearing. Children are permitted, if they are able to follow masking requirements. Please be aware of the weather! Outdoor visits are not permissible if rainy, or too hot or too cold. 4 guests will be allowed for OUTDOOR ONLY.
2. Indoor (In Room Visit) **one** visitor in resident room only. Masking and social distance is required. Please use the call light if you have a question or need. Do NOT roam the resident hallways and units.

These steps are required:

- There will be continued mandatory screening of all guests with signature required in/out.
- We continue to encourage all visitors to be vaccinated for COVID 19. We recommend visitors to have a COVID test 2-3 days prior to visiting.
- Visitor restrictions continue for residents that are under quarantine.
- In room visits: After screening, we ask that you GO DIRECTLY TO RESIDENT ROOM, upon leaving GO DIRECTLY TO THE ATRIUM TO SIGN OUT and EXIT.
- Guest are NOT be permitted to use any kitchen area, or wander the hallway seeking staff. Please use the patient call light for assistance.
- Please self-monitor for signs/symptoms of COVID. Do not visit with any sign of illness or after a COVID exposure. After visiting, DO report to your personal provider and Steere House immediately if you are experiencing illness.
- ALL visits are recommended to be 45 minutes.
- Resident TRAVEL will continue to require advance notice.

We appreciate your patience. Some uncertainty continues and our goal is to work safely. Thank you for your cooperation with this more 'relaxed' visitation policy.

Best regards,

Julie H. Richard, Administrator