

Reference:

- Texas Health and Human Services - <https://hhs.texas.gov/>

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Expanded Visitation: What You Need to Know



SUNSET HOME

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With full awareness and appreciation of the risks involved, I, on my own behalf and on behalf of any minor child I am bringing with me to visit the Community, hereby forever release, waive, and discharge the Community, its board members, officers, agents, servants, independent contractors, affiliates, employees, successors and assigns (collectively the “Released Parties”) from any and all liability, claims, demands, actions, and causes of action whatsoever, that may be sustained by me or my family resulting from my visit to the Community and any resulting COVID-19 infection, whether caused by the acts, omissions, and/or negligence of the Released Parties, or otherwise (the “Released Claims”). Furthermore, I covenant not to sue the Released Parties in regard to the Released Claims. I understand and agree that this release includes any claims based on the actions, omissions, or negligence of the Released Parties.

Printed Name _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Assumption of the Risk and Waiver of Liability - COVID-19

COVID-19 has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. COVID-19 is extremely contagious and is believed to spread mainly from person-to-person contact. Sunset Home, a program of Lutheran Sunset Ministries, has put in place protective measures to mitigate the spread of COVID-19; however, we cannot guarantee that you will not become infected with COVID-19 during your visit to the Community.

I acknowledge that visiting the Community is voluntary. I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19, and I voluntarily assume the risk that I may be exposed to or infected with COVID-19 when visiting the Community. I understand that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and/or death. I understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 while visiting the Community may result from the actions or omissions of myself and/or others, including, but not limited to Community employees, agents and representatives, volunteers, other residents and their families and/or any other individual who may be present during my visit to the Community.

Types of Visits Allowed

Must be allowed:

- 1) **Closed Window Visits** – These do not require any screening or PPE.
- 2) **End of Life Visits** – These require screening and PPE.
- 3) **Critical Assistance** – These require screening, testing, and PPE.
- 4) **Essential Caregivers** – These require screening, testing, and PPE, plus additional rules. See page 4.

Can be allowed:

- 1) **Outdoor Visits** – These require screening, PPE, and social distancing.
- 2) **Salon Services Visit** – These require screening, testing, and PPE.
- 3) **Vehicle Parades** – These do not require screening, but all must remain in vehicles with 10 feet social distancing.
- 4) **Open Window Visit** – These require screening, PPE, and social distancing.

Essential Caregivers

A family member or other outside caregiver, including a friend, volunteer, private personal caregiver, or court appointed guardian, who is at least 18 years old and has been designated by the resident or legal representative to provide regular care and support to a resident.

- 1) There may be up to two **permanently** designated essential caregiver visitors per resident.
- 2) Only one essential caregiver at a time may visit a resident.
- 3) Each visit is limited to one hour or less, at the facility's discretion.
- 4) The visit may occur outdoors, in the resident's bedroom, or in another area in the facility that limits visitor movement through the facility and interaction with other residents.
- 5) Essential caregiver visitors must maintain physical distancing between themselves and all other residents and staff.
- 6) The resident must wear a facemask or face covering over both the mouth and nose (if tolerated) throughout the visit.
- 7) The essential caregiver must wear a facemask and any other appropriate PPE recommended by CDC guidance and the facility's policy while in the facility.
- 8) No food or drinks can be consumed during the essential caregiver visit; the visitor AND resident must keep facemasks on throughout the visit.
- 9) The essential caregiver is required to provide identification at each visit.
- 10) The essential caregiver must sign an agreement to leave the facility at the appointed time unless otherwise approved by the facility.
- 11) The essential caregiver must be screened at each visit **and** have a negative COVID-19 test result (see page 5).

Consent & Attestation

____ I agree to follow the policies, procedures, and requirements of the facility, including, but not limited to, those included in this booklet.

____ I understand that if the person I want to visit is positive for COVID-19, I will not be able to visit except under certain circumstances.

____ I understand that if I have a positive screen or a positive COVID-19 test, I will not be able to visit.

____ I agree to leave the facility from scheduled visits at the appointed time, unless approved by the facility.

____ I agree to not participate in visits if I have signs and symptoms of COVID-19, have an active COVID-19 infection, or other communicable disease. I will self-monitor.

____ I have been trained on proper PPE usage.

____ I understand that the facility may cancel the essential caregiver visit if the essential caregiver fails to comply with the facility's policies, procedures, and requirements.

Printed Name _____

Signature _____

Date _____

What if I Test Positive for COVID-19?

Contact your primary care physician immediately if you receive a positive COVID-19 test result.

Alert Sunset Home of the positive test result.

Do not come on campus until you have been released by a physician or the local health department.

COVID-19 Screening

Most visits at minimum require screening. The questions you will be asked are:

Have you:

- 1) Had any of the following signs or symptoms:
New or worsening cough, sudden loss of taste/smell, new or worsening shortness of breath, new or worsening sore throat, unexplained fatigue, unexplained muscle or body aches, unexplained chills or headache, new or worsening congestion, new or worsening nausea, vomiting or diarrhea?
- 2) Had contact, in the last 14 days, with someone who has a confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19, is under investigation for COVID-19, or is ill with a respiratory illness?
- 3) Traveled internationally within the last 14 days?
- 4) Had a positive COVID-19 test result in the last 10 days?

If your screen indicates a potential for COVID-19, your visit will be cancelled and rescheduled for a later time.

You are required to self-monitor and tell us if you develop any of the symptoms listed above.

COVID-19 Testing

Visitors allowed inside the building will be required to show a negative COVID-19 test result that was performed within the last 7 days.

Infection Control

Residents who are COVID-19 positive **MAY NOT** receive visitors except under special circumstances, such as closed window or end of life visits.

- 1) There is a designated entrance/exit to the COVID Neighborhood.
- 2) You must wash your hands or use hand sanitizer before and after each visit.
- 3) You must wear a mask that covers your mouth and nose and has been approved for use by the staff.
- 4) You must wear the PPE required for the area that you are entering. You will receive training on how to put these on during your first visit and as needed.
- 5) You must socially distance from other residents and staff.
- 6) You must leave at the designated time to ensure other residents have an opportunity to see loved ones.
- 7) You will be escorted to the visit and escorted back out of the building.
- 8) You must stay in the designated visitation area until you are ready to leave or the allotted visitation time has come to an end.
- 9) Use proper cough and sneeze etiquette: turn your head away from anyone and cough or sneeze into the bend of your elbow.

Halting COVID-19 – It Takes a Community

Sunset Home has seen a direct correlation between COVID-19 spikes in the greater community associated with spikes in our resident population. In fact, the CDC has recently released data that supports this correlation.

Many of the team members that work each day in Sunset Home have spouses working in the community and children attending public schools. When the community takes simple COVID precautions such as social distancing and using face coverings, our resident population is much safer.

Visitors allowed inside Sunset Home have a unique responsibility to take all CDC recommended precautions when in the greater community. Your loved one is counting on you to social distance and, when you cannot distance, wear a face covering, while out in the community.