



Essential Caregiver Program

Goal: To enhance resident's emotional and social needs during the Pandemic of COVID19.

These visits are recognized as "compassionate care visits" by DHHS. This is to stay in compliance with Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) guidance for Long Term Care facilities.

To qualify as a caregiver, you must:

- Be a person who was previously actively engaged with the resident's life.
- Participate in COVID19 training prior to start.
- Participate in our Abuse policy and training.
- Comply with testing requirements for COVID19. The frequency is based on county positivity rate given to us by the CDC.
- Work with facility on a schedule that meets the facilities capabilities to have available staff to accommodate our requirements. (maximum time: 3hours)
- Limit movement in the facility to the resident's room only or outside for a walk when weather allows.
- Maintain social distancing of at least 6 feet with staff and other residents while in the building.
- Not take the resident out into the community.
- Wear all appropriate PPE during the visit.
- Not perform resident cares such as toileting, transferring.
- Be prepared with what you and the resident will do during your visit.
- Not visit during a resident's 14-day quarantine or if the has a Positive COVID19 status or is symptomatic.
- Comply with all program's criteria and sign the waiver.
- Understand and adherer to PPE at all times.
- 1 visitor at a time.
- If resident decides to leave room and not able to redirect the visit will be over.

Essential Caregiver Program will be active at Community Memorial Health Center when the following criteria is met:

- County Positivity rate is either Yellow or Green. (This is determined weekly by the CDC, we receive these rates normally each Tuesday)
- No residents located in “Red Zones” at the facility will be able to have an Essential Caregiver. When the resident moves to a Yellow Zone or Green Zone, the essential caregiver will be able to return to the program for the resident.

Rules Upon Entry of CMHC

1. You will be fill out health screening and be checked in by a Nurse.
2. You will put on the required PPE.
3. You will wash your hands and be taken to the resident’s room.
4. Upon leaving after your scheduled time, you will fill out what you and the resident did during the visit and the length of your visit. (This is for our documentation purposes).

First Day Orientation to Program

1. You will be asked to sign a waiver and an understanding of the program criteria.
2. You will be COVID19 tested.
3. You will participate in PPE, Abuse, Handwashing, and other COVID19 training.
4. You will be given a map of the facility that shows; fire exits, fire pulls, and extinguishers in case of an emergency.
5. We will discuss your weekly or monthly schedule with the resident.

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Resident: _____

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____