

COVID-19 Visitor Policy

Dear Residents and Friends,

Visit splitrockrehab.com/covid-19-virus-updates/ to schedule an appointment. Please be sure to include the name of the resident you wish to visit.

Questions regarding visits can be directed to the Director of Recreation.

Visits may be cancelled without notice for 14 days if any staff or resident newly test positive for COVID-19. This is a necessary precaution to prevent the potential spread of COVID-19 amongst resident's staff or guest.

The facility has revised our limited visitation plan in accordance with guidance from the New York State Department of Health. See below:

Limited Visitation Plan – Covid-19

The Limited Visitation Plan has been revised as per criteria outlined in the NYSDOH revised Guidance on Visitation issued 3/25/2021. If any visitor fails to adhere to the protocol, he/she/they will be prohibited from visiting.

Limited visitation, including, but not limited to, family members, loved ones, representatives from the long-term care ombudsman program and resident advocacy organizations, are permitted only under the following conditions:

- The facility is in full compliance with all state and federal requirements, state Executive Orders and guidance, state reporting requirements including COVID-19 focus surveys, HERDS, and staff testing surveys, and federally required submission of COVID-19 data to the NHSN.
- The facility has protocols to separate residents into cohorts of positive, negative, and unknown as well as separate staff teams to deal with COVID-19 positive residents and nonpositive residents.
- The facility has completed the NY Forward Safety Plan and submitted a copy of the complete plan to covidnursinghomeinfor@health.ny.gov. The facility must retain a copy of the plan at the facility where it is accessible and immediately available upon request of the Department or local health department.
- The plan must clearly articulate the space (s) to be used for visitation (outdoors and indoors) including the number of visitors and residents who could be safely socially distanced within the space(s)
- Adherence to written screening protocols for all staff during each shift, each resident daily, and all persons entering the facility or grounds of the facility, including visitors. Visitors may be asked for ID as needed. Visitors are encouraged to be tested within 2-3 days of visiting.
- The facility will deny entry for those with signs/symptoms or close contact with someone with a COVID-19 infection in the past 14 days.

Visits may not occur if:

- The COVID-19 positivity rate in the Bronx is >10% AND less than 70% of residents are vaccinated.
- Unvaccinated residents if the nursing home's COVID-19 country positivity rate is > 10% AND less than 70% of residents are vaccinated
- With residents with confirmed COVID-19 infections, whether vaccinated or unvaccinated until they have met criteria to discontinue Transmission-Based Precautions.
- For residents in quarantine, whether they are vaccinated or unvaccinated until they have met the criteria for release from quarantine
- If there is an identified COVID-19 outbreak investigation on the resident's unit or on multiple units in the facility
- The facility is conducting an outbreak investigation of suspected cases

- Current COVID-19 positive residents, residents with COVID-19 signs or symptoms, and residents in a 14-day quarantine or observation period are not eligible for visits

Visits with Ventilator Residents

Our ventilator residents are much more vulnerable to infection therefore, we require a negative COVID-19 test 2-3 days prior to your visit.

Visitors Obligations:

- Visits must be scheduled 48 hours in advance via splitrockrehab.com/covid-19-virus-updates/
- The visitor will agree that they will report any positive COVID-19 test or symptoms that occur 48 hours after a visit
- The facility will conduct screening of all who enter the facility for signs and symptoms of COVID-19, including vaccination status, temperature checks, questions or observations of signs or symptoms
- Must wear a facemask or face covering (must always cover both the nose and mouth when on the premises of the facility). Masks will be available on hand for visitors as needed.
- Maximum of 2 guest per resident
- Maintain 6 feet physical distancing between all residents and all visitors
- Do not interact with other residents nor their visitors
- Visitors who are younger than 16 years old must be accompanied by an adult 18 years of age or older
- Visitors must maintain social distancing. They may not kiss, feed, groom, cut hair, hug, undress, etc...the resident

Facility Obligations:

- Visiting areas will have easily accessible Alcohol-Based Hand Rub for residents, visitors, and staff
- Assign staff to assist with the transition of residents, monitoring of visitation, and cleaning and disinfecting areas used for visitation after each visit using and EPA-approved N-List disinfectant
- Post signage regarding facemask utilization and hand hygiene and uses applicable floor markings for social distancing
- A log will be kept for all visitors that includes:
 - First and last name of the visitor;
 - Physical (street) address of the visitor
 - Daytime and evening telephone number
 - Date and time of visit
 - Email address, if available;
- Visits will occur on the 1st floor Adult Day Care area. On unit visits may occur with prior approval under certain circumstances
- The facility will supply PPE for required visits.

Compassionate Care and End of Life Visits:

- Are permitted when visitation may not otherwise be permitted (in accordance with NYSDOH current visitation guidance), and facilities may waive the requirement of a visitor presenting a negative COVID-19 test prior to commencement of such visit
- The vaccination status of the resident and the visitor will be taken into consideration when allowing such visits.

