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Policy for Visitation in Union City RCFE

Policy:

The Masonic Homes of California is committed to keeping staff and residents safe during the COVID-19 pandemic. Since the beginning, we have instituted strong precautions such as temperature checks, pulse oximetry, anosmia checks, and questions regarding symptoms before they were practice broadly. In the spirit of safety and in accordance with the guidelines set forth by the California Department of Public Health, the Department of Social Services for the State of California, and the Alameda County Department of Public Health visits to the residents are being resumed with the following rules and precautions in place.

Considerations:

Process associated with this policy may change frequently due to updates in COVID-19 response from local, state, or federal recommendations.

Procedure:

1. In apartment visits will now be allowed in the Union City, RCFE between fully vaccinated individuals only!
 - a. Residents may visit other residents in their apartments as long all residents are fully vaccinated.
 - i. There can be no more than 4 residents in the apartment at one time.
 - ii. A six-foot distance between the individuals should be maintained as much as possible.
 - iii. Mask use during the entire visit should be maintained.
 - iv. Eating/drinking during the visit is highly discouraged due to the need to remove masks to do so.
 - v. A brief hug or hand holding for greeting/ending the visit are okay.
 - vi. If possible, a window should be cracked for increased ventilation during the visit. (Residents are encouraged to contact Facilities for assistance with this prior to the visit).

- b. Residents may have in apartment visits from outside family/friends by appointment if all visitors are fully vaccinated. (at least 2 weeks after final vaccine dose).
 - i. Proof of vaccination is REQUIRED. If a visitor cannot show proof of vaccination, no in apartment visits will be allowed.
 - ii. Outside visitors must have a NEGATIVE Covid test within 72 hours of the visit. (If they have the test outside of MHC, proof of the test/result will be required).
 - iii. A guest may choose to have a rapid Covid test done at MHC when they visit, but must be aware that they must do a Covid screening, take the test, and then get the NEGATIVE result before proceeding to visit with the resident. The result takes 15 minutes to receive, so that time needs to be factored into the visit schedule.
 - iv. All RCFE visits are scheduled through the Recreation Department.
 - v. Visits are to be no longer than 90 minutes in length.
 - vi. All guests will receive a copy of our visit guidelines and will be asked to acknowledge receipt and understanding when they sign in upon screening before their visit.
 - 1. Guests will enter through the 2nd (Southern) back door of the Library where they will be met by a staff member. (If they park in the Front Parking Area, they may screen at the Front Desk and then go through the lobby directly outside to the patio to enter through the back 2nd Library Door).
 - 2. They will provide a copy of proof of vaccination.
 - 3. If they have a recent (within 72 hours) negative Covid test, they shall provide a copy.
 - 4. If they do not have a recent Covid test, they shall be tested for Covid by a rapid test and will remain with the testing staff for the full 15 minutes until the test is resultued.
 - a. If Negative, the guest may visit with the resident in room after temperature and symptom screening and signing the rules attestation at the Front Desk. The resident will come down to escort their guest to their apartment. (Residents should not come down early, nor go into the Library before the visitor has been cleared to visit).
 - b. If Positive, the guest will be advised of the test result and encouraged to contact their medical provider and to quarantine as per CDC guidelines (starting by leaving MHC), and they will be encouraged to reschedule their visit when their quarantine period is complete.

- vii. There can be no more than 4 people in the apartment at one time.
 - 1. There will be no visitors allowed to loiter outside of the apartment to accommodate more visitors during a scheduled visit. (i.e. a resident couple can only accommodate two outside visitors per scheduled visit).
 - viii. A six-foot distance between the individuals should be maintained as much as possible.
 - ix. Visitors must wear masks at all times during the visit.
 - x. There is to be no eating/drinking during the visit.
 - xi. A brief hug or hand holding for greeting/ending the visit are okay.
 - xii. If possible, a window should be cracked for increased ventilation during the visit. (Residents are encouraged to contact Facilities for assistance with this prior to the visit).
2. Both Indoors (1st Floor Library Visiting Area) and Outdoors (Library Patio) visiting areas will still be available for residents to use for visits with non-fully vaccinated family/friends. These visits will follow the same rules as they currently do.
- a. Masks must be worn by the residents and the visitors at all times.
 - b. Physical distancing and the use of the plexiglass barrier are required at all times.
 - c. No eating or drinking during the visit.