



VISITATION POLICY

Policy: As required by Florida law, **The Villas of Casa Celeste** policy allows a Resident to have visitors from 9:00am to 9pm at a minimum. At times there may be circumstances which restrict Resident visitation such as pandemic flu, or presence of infectious diseases which may require isolation. In such cases, **The Villas of Casa Celeste** shall comply with all requirements by the CDC, the Florida Department of Health, and Florida Emergency Management.

Florida Statute 408.823 requires additional policies for resident visitation during these circumstances. The visitation policies and procedures required by this statute must allow in-person visitation by essential caregivers in all of the following circumstances, unless the resident objects.

1. End of life situations
2. A resident who was living with family before being admitted to the community is struggling with the change in environment
3. The resident is making one or more major medical decisions.
4. A resident is experiencing emotional distress or grieving the loss of a friend or family member who recently dies.
5. A resident needs cueing or encouragement to eat or drink that was previously provided by a family member or caregiver
6. A resident who used to talk/interact with others is seldom speaking.

Procedure: **The Villas of Casa Celeste** requires the following procedures to comply with the statute. Before in-person visitation, all visitors must adhere to the following:

1. Comply with the infection control and education policies for visitors (available upon request) Infection control policies may require a visitor to wear Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) including properly wear a face mask and other necessary PPE and perform hand hygiene.
2. Policy Consent: sign this policy acknowledging an understanding of visitation policies. Failure to adhere to the policy may result in suspension of in-person visitation.
3. Submit to a screening which may include temperature and/or a questionnaire about health status.
4. Visitation hours will be 8:00am to 10:00pm (two additional hours) for **essential caregivers**. Any visitation outside of those hours will be considered upon request to the Administrator.
5. While minimizing physical contact and social distancing may be encouraged to limit exposure, consensual physical contact between resident and the visitor is prohibited.
6. A resident may designate a visitor who is a family member, friend, guardian, or other as an essential caregiver.
7. **The Villas of Casa Celeste** does not require an essential caregiver to provide necessary care to a resident or patient of a provider, and the provider may not require an essential caregiver to provide such care.