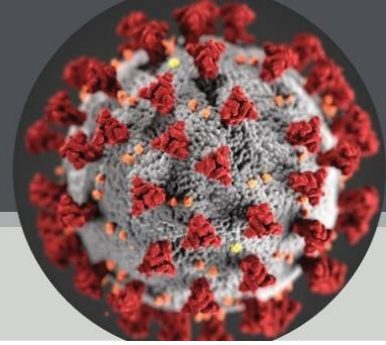


# CORONAVIRUS

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## Toolkit for Visitation Guidance Implementation: Assisted Living/HWS and Nursing Homes

(Updated: October 12, 2020)

We have created tools that your team can use to implement updated visitation recommendations in your site. On September 17, 2020, CMS issued updated Nursing Home Visitation guidance, encouraging both outdoor and indoor visitation in appropriate circumstances. In response the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) has issued updated guidance for housing with services/assisted living which closely follows CMS. It replaces the “Level 1 and Level 2” visitation recommendations MDH posted on Aug. 10, 2020. MDH has also developed a short guidance document for nursing homes directing those providers to adhere to the CMS recommendations.

If you have questions about the CMS or MDH guidance or any of the tools below, please contact please contact Kari Everson, LeadingAge Minnesota, Director of Clinical Care and Nurse Consultant at [keverson@leadingagemn.org](mailto:keverson@leadingagemn.org) or 651-380-2032; or Jonathan Lips, VP of Legal & Regulatory Affairs, at [jlips@leadingagemn.org](mailto:jlips@leadingagemn.org) or 651-603-3510.

### IMPLEMENTATION TOOLS

- [Visitation Decision Guide and Flowchart](#)
- [Considerations Checklist for Visitation Modification](#)
- [Tip Sheet for Determining the Covid-19 Positivity Rate In Your County](#)
- [Operational Implementation Checklist](#)
- [Template for Visitation Policy](#)

### COMMUNICATIONS TOOLS

- [Visitation FAQ for Residents and Families](#)
- [Resident/Family Letter – Resume Visitation](#)
- [Staff Message – Resume Visitation](#)
- [Statement and Talking Points](#)
- Messages if Delay is Necessary:
  - [Resident/Family Letter - Delay](#)
  - [Staff Message-Delay](#)

### GUIDANCE DOCUMENTS

#### ASSISTED LIVING/HWS LINKS

- [MDH Guidance: Minnesota Home Care Provider/Assisted Living Visitation and Activities Guidance Throughout the COVID-19 Pandemic](#) (10/12/20)
- [MDH LTC Visitation Guidance Summary](#) (10/12/20)

#### **NURSING HOMES LINKS**

- [MDH Visitation Guidance for Nursing Homes](#) (10/14/20)
- [CMS Visitation Guidance: QSO-20-39-NH](#) (9/17/20)
- [LeadingAge MN Summary of CMS QSO-20-30](#) (9/18/20)

#### **OTHER MDH GUIDANCE**

- [Tents and Clear Divider MDH Guidance](#) (9/30/20)
- [HVAC COVID-19 Guidance from MDH](#) (9/4/20)

**Note:** *This information is subject to change. We will distribute revisions of this toolkit and post revised resources to our website: [www.leadingagemn.org/coronavirus](http://www.leadingagemn.org/coronavirus).*