Communication – Outdoor Visitation

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MDH has released guidance for outdoor visitation in long-term care settings. Below please find resources that can help you plan to implement this guidance in your setting and communicate it to residents, their loved ones, and staff. **We recommend that you provide residents and families with a copy of the MDH guidance on outdoor visitation before scheduling a visit.** If you need assistance, contact Jodi Boyne at [jboyne@leadingagemn.org](mailto:jboyne@leadingagemn.org) or 612.749.9758.

**COMMUNICATION RESOURCES**

**MDH GUIDANCE ON OUTDOOR VISITATION**

**SAMPLE STATEMENT & MESSAGES**

**SAMPLE RESIDENT/FAMILY LETTER**

**SAMPLE STAFF MESSAGE**

**SAMPLE FAQ – RESPONSE TO FAMILY QUESTIONS**

**SAMPLE RISK ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM, INCLUDING RESTRICTIONS & INSTRUCTIONS**

(Note: This is a sample form. We strongly recommend you consult with legal counsel as you consider this approach and/or if you decide to use this type of form for outdoor visitation. We also recommend that you provide a copy of the MDH Guidance on Outdoor Visitation to residents and visitors.)

**HANDOUT: OUTDOOR VISITATION – PROVIDER, RESIDENT & FAMILY CRITERIA**

**HANDOUT: BEST PRACTICES FOR OUTDOOR VISITATION**

**HANDOUT: VISITATION OPTIONS**

**A PHASED APPROACH TO VISITATION**

(Note: This is a high-level overview of a phased-in approach to visitation only. The State of Minnesota is currently in Phase 2 of visitation. Work is underway with MDH to develop guidance that would allow for visitation inside your settings as well as more group programming and activities.)

**Note: As COVID-19 continues to evolve and new guidance is released from CDC, CMS and MDH, this information is subject to change. We will update these resources as needed and post revised resources to our website:**

[www.leadingagemn.org/coronavirus](http://www.leadingagemn.org/coronavirus).