



OKLAHOMA

State Department of Health

Nursing Home Visitation

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Nursing Home Visitation Guidance

Nursing homes have been severely impacted by COVID-19, with outbreaks causing high rates of infection, morbidity, and mortality. The vulnerable nature of the nursing home population combined with the inherent risks of congregate living in a healthcare setting have required aggressive efforts to limit COVID-19 exposure and to prevent the spread of COVID-19 within nursing homes. In March 2020, guidance was released restricting visitation of all visitors and non-essential health care personnel. In May and June 2020, additional guidance on visitation was introduced thru Phased Reopening.

While guidance has focused on protecting nursing home residents from COVID-19, we recognize that physical separation from family and other loved ones has taken a physical and emotional toll on residents. Based on the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services memo [QSO 20-39-NH](#), OSDH is implementing that guidance for nursing homes, intermediate care facilities, assisted living facilities, residential care facilities and adult day care centers.

This guidance will be effective **September 29, 2020** for all facility types. If your facility has questions in reference to the requirements, please contact Long Term Care for assistance.

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