



Policy on Visits Outside of Facility Including Medical and Social Visits

Effective April 26, 2021

Per the *Guidance on COVID-19 for Personal Care Homes, Assisted Living Residences and Private Intermediate Care Facilities* issued April 5, 2021, once the facility meets the required 70% fully vaccinated rate on April 26, 2021, residents may be allowed to leave the community for visits other than medical appointments.

Residents must be granted permission to leave the facility for anything other than a medical appointment by either the Administrator or Director of Nursing. Permission must be requested 72 hours in advance by submitting a request form either online or a paper version. Forms may be downloaded from our website www.nippenosevalleyvillage.com, or picked up at either the front office or nurse's station. A signed form will be given to any resident being given permission.

The following will be considered when granting permission for an outside visit:

- Location of visit
- County positivity rate
 - Including positivity rate in location of visit if outside of Lycoming County
- Resident's vaccination status
- Resident's ability to socially distance outside of the facility
- Infection control procedures that will be in place during the visit outside of facility
- Amount of people in attendance
- Length of visit
- Permission from responsible party

Residents may be required to quarantine for 14 days upon return to facility.

Unvaccinated residents who attend more than one medical visits in a 30-day period or any resident who is on a leave of absence for 24 hours or more will be required to quarantine for 14 days after returning to the facility. These residents may walk around the facility as long as they follow social distancing and infection control guidelines and wear a mask. Residents under quarantine precautions must eat in their room unless they are considered to be at danger of choking, at which point they will be assigned a private dining room table.

New admissions and re-admissions must be tested for COVID prior to admittance to the facility and will be required to quarantine for 14 days upon admission.