



COVID- 19 Visitation Policy

Effective April 26, 2021

Starting Monday, April 26, 2021, the facility will meet the required 70% vaccination status required to adjust our visitation policy per the *Guidance on COVID-19 for Personal Care Homes, Assisted Living Residences and Private Intermediate Care Facilities* issued April 5, 2021.

Per this guidance, visits will no longer be required to be monitored by staff. Visits will still need to be scheduled via our online scheduling tool, <https://NippenoseValleyVillageVisitation.as.me/>, or by calling 570-745-2400. Visits may be up to one (1) hour long.

Visitors who show proof of being fully vaccinated or show proof of a negative COVID-19 test 72 hours prior to visiting may visit with the resident in their room. Up to 2 visitors may visit in a medium to large room at a time and up to 1 visitor may visit in a small room at a time if there is space for proper social distancing. Resident's rooms will be outfitted with plastic chairs that are easily able to be sanitized prior to receiving visitors. The facility reserves the right to determine that a resident is not able to accommodate in-room visitation.

The facility is happy to test any potential visitor on Monday or Tuesday between 10:00 and 4:00 of every week. Results take 24-48 hours to return. Please contact the administrator at 570-745-2400 for more information.

For larger groups of visitors (up to 4 visitors), visitors with children and visitors who are not vaccinated, or COVID-19 tested, a private neutral visitation room will be made available for your visit.

Visits with up to 4 people besides the resident may also be scheduled outside during nice weather.

All visitors must adhere to the Core Principles of COVID-19 Infection Prevention including wear a mask for the duration of the visit and socially distance at a length of 6 feet or greater. Visitors will be screened for fever and symptoms of COVID-19 and asked to sanitize their hands prior to each visit.

Any visitor who refuses to adhere to this policy will be asked to leave the facility and may not be permitted to return or may be required to have monitored visitations.

Nippenose Valley Village must maintain at least a 70% vaccination status in order to continue this visitation policy. Please know that we will take a potential new resident's vaccination status under consideration for a new admission in order to keep our rate at 70% or above.