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| TITLE | Hillcrest – Birchwood Visitation |
| TODAY’S DATE | May 7, 2021 |
| SECTION | Organization Wide Hillcrest  Emergency Department  Inpatient Ambulatory  Nursing Medical staff [physicians and advance care practitioners] |

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| APPLICABLE LOCATIONS | All Bozeman Health locations  Bozeman Health Deaconess Hospital  Big Sky Medical Center  Belgrade Clinic + UrgentCare  Hillcrest Senior Living  b2 UrgentCare b2 MicroCare |

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**PURPOSE:**

To standardize the policy/protocol to safely allow visitation with Hillcrest – Birchwood residents and prevent the spread of COVID-19 into or within Hillcrest. This protocol is to help balance the need of continued COVID-19 precautions while nurturing all aspects of wellness during an isolating and lonely time for residents.

**POLICY/PROTOCOL**:

**Definitions:**

* **Fully Vaccinated:** ≥2 weeks following receipt of the second dose in a 2-dose series, or ≥2 weeks following receipt of one dose of a single-dose vaccine

**Visitation Guidelines:**

* If residents have been fully vaccinated, visits may be conducted in resident apartments. If residents have been fully vaccinated they may have close contact while wearing an approved mask. Hands must be sanitized prior to and following contact. Two (2) residents are allowed to have no more than two (2) visitors in an apartment at one time for thirty (30) minutes. Visitors must go directly to the apartment and depart directly through the main entrance and sign-out. Children of any age are not allowed in a resident’s apartment.
  + If residents and their visitor(s) are both fully vaccinated they may have close contact with no source control.
* If residents have not been vaccinated, visits will be conducted in the Birchwood lobby in a designated location or outdoors. Visitation for unvaccinated residents will be suspended if the county positivity rate is >10%.
* Two (2) Birchwood residents are allowed to have no more than two (2) visitors at one time for thirty (30) minutes. I
* Infants under 1 year of age are permitted without a mask. Children between the ages of 1 and 4 are discouraged at this time. Children 5 and over are only permitted if wearing a mask. Children must be escorted by an adult and are included as 1 of the 2 visitors that residents are allowed per visit.
* Residents and visitors must maintain social distancing of 6 feet.
* Visitors will be required to make reservations by calling 406-595-6353. Visitors are only allowed one reservation per week to allow all residents the opportunity for visitation. Visitors must come on time, no waiting area will be available. The entrance attendant will monitor this process and ensure proper mask usage and social distancing.
* Visitation will only take place when in accordance with current Gallatin County and Montana State Emergency Rules, CMS and CDC guidelines.

**Qualifications**

* Weekly surveillance testing of all staff is being performed
* There is not an ongoing outbreak of COVID-19 in the facility and there has been 14 days with no new positive cases identified

**Screening**

* Visitors must sanitize their hands upon entry.
* Visitors must enter the main entrance, pass the entrance screening, and sign-in and out upon departure.

**PPE/Social Distancing**

* Visitors and residents must wear an approved mask during the entirety of their visit unless all parties are fully vaccinated.
* Visitors and residents must maintain a 6 foot social distance if both parties are unvaccinated.

**Cleaning**

* The entrance attendant will sanitize chairs and tables between each visit with an approved cleaning solution.

**References:**

* CDC Updated Healthcare Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations in Response to COVID-19 Vaccination

**NOTES:**

**OTHER POLICIES/PROTOCOLS TO REFERENCE:**

PPE Precautions Comprehensive Guideline (Chart)

Equipment and Room Cleaning Guidelines

Hillcrest COVID-19 Precautions

**SCOPE:**

We anticipate these adjustments to be temporary and reserve the right to revise or discontinue these adjustments with or without notice depending on the current understanding and/or business needs of Bozeman Health relating to COVID-19.