

June 15, 2020

Dear McGuire Memorial Families, Guardians, and Caretakers:

I hope that this letter finds all of you healthy and safe. The past several months have been difficult for all of us, and we have truly come a long way since the pandemic first affected each of our lives. We “weathered the storm” and as those dark clouds begin to break we are beginning to see the light for brighter days ahead!

I am pleased to announce that our county has been moved into the “Green Phase” of the Commonwealth’s pandemic reintegration plan. COVID-19 restrictions are being lifted across the entire Commonwealth; therefore, McGuire Memorial has developed a reintegration plan surrounding visits, therapeutic leaves, and the re-opening of our day programs, which will be implemented in the coming days/weeks barring any unforeseen circumstances or setbacks. As McGuire Memorial begins to ease restrictions in the coming days/weeks, I would like to thank you in advance for your patience, understanding, and cooperation during these extraordinary times.

McGuire Memorial will resume modified visitations in the “Green Phase” with specified guidelines, protocols, and restrictions, which is outlined on the back of this letter (please reference the “Green Phase Visitation Protocols”). Due to the strict guidelines and multiple agencies that provide oversight to our programs there will be two separate implementation timeframes:

- **The “Green Phase Visitation Protocols” for the Community Homes will be effective as of June 23, 2020.**
- **The “Green Phase Visitation Protocols” for the ICF/ID will be effective as of July 13, 2020 (based on the Commonwealth’s Long Term Care Facility Mandate).**

Please note that all visitations and/or therapeutic leaves **MUST** be scheduled in advance, and the number of visitors is restricted. All visitations **MUST** occur outside of the residence, as entry into a community home or the main site is still prohibited. All visitors **MUST** wear a mask, utilize universal precautions, and maintain social distancing while on the premises.

So, as we look toward those brighter days ahead please continue to help and support us in maintaining our continued vigilance against this COVID-19 pandemic. Together we embraced this challenge, and together we have been very successful in keeping the children and adults of McGuire Memorial healthy & safe!

This is one more positive step to regain some semblance of normalcy, and I want to thank you for your patience and understanding throughout this very difficult time. I know that all of you are excited and anxious to see your loved one, and I cannot wait to see all of you reunited!

Sincerely,


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Visitation Protocol during the Green Phase

In-Person Visits that Occur at the Residence:

- All visits are to be scheduled in advance with either a Program Specialist or a QIDP.
- Visitations will have staggered timeframes and limited to:
 - 1 resident scheduled at any one time for the Community Homes
 - 3 residents scheduled at any one time for the ICF/ID
- Visitation will be permitted during the hours of 10:00am until 7:00pm and will have a maximum duration of 2 hours.
- Only 2 visitors per resident will be permitted at one time.
- Visitations are to occur outdoors which could include the porch area, yard, or in the neighborhood for Community Homes & the pavilion, courtyard, or nature trail at the ICF/ID
- All visitors will remain outside of the residence and will be screened by a staff which will include taking their temperature with a no-touch thermometer, health questions related to the presence of COVID-19 symptoms, and the completion of a contact tracing form.
 - Visits will be prohibited for people who are:
 - Currently diagnosed with COVID-19
 - Have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 within the 14 days prior to the visit
 - Are demonstrating symptoms of COVID-19 or any other illness
- It is the expectation that all visitors will adhere to the CDC guidelines by maintaining social distancing from others, limit physical contact, practice hand hygiene, and wear a facemask at all times while visiting.
- Following the visit, staff will assist the individuals to follow all universal precautions (i.e. handwashing and removal of any PPE if needed)

In-Person Visits that Occur Outside of the Residence (off-site):

- Visits should be scheduled in advance with the Program Specialist or QIDP.
- All visitors will remain outside of the residence and be screened by a staff prior to them taking the resident. The screening will include taking their temperature with a no-touch thermometer, health questions related to the presence of COVID-19 symptoms, and the completion of a contact tracing form.
 - Visits will be prohibited for people who are:
 - Currently diagnosed with COVID-19
 - Have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 within the 14 days prior to the visit
 - Are demonstrating symptoms of COVID-19 or any other illness
- All visitors are encouraged to adhere to the CDC guidelines and maintain social distancing from others, limit physical contact, practice hand hygiene, and wear a facemask at all times throughout the entirety of the visit, while in a community setting.
- We strongly encourage activities that will minimize exposure to other people as much as possible.
- The Green Phase social restrictions will be provided to the visitor that will be with the resident.
- Upon return to the home:
 - A contact tracing form will be completed for the resident regarding their time away from the home.
 - Staff will assist the individuals to follow all universal precautions (i.e. handwashing and removal of any PPE if needed)
 - The resident will follow the isolation protocol for 72 hours to ensure they remain free from any COVID-19 symptoms upon return and limit any said exposure to respective housemates.
- Individuals who have been away from the residence for an overnight visit will follow the criteria set forth above.

*Please note that the visitation policy may be modified based on future changes to visitation guidance issued by the Pennsylvania Department of Health or Office of Developmental Programs.