



Thursday, November 18, 2021

Dear Parker Family Members and Friends,

We are writing to provide you with this important update about the Parker Jewish Institute's visitation policies. The Parker Jewish Institute has recently been issued new guidance regarding nursing home visitation.

As we continue to take all precautions necessary to protect against COVID-19, we are delighted to report that Parker Jewish Institute is open for family visitation!

Effective Immediately:

- It is no longer necessary to schedule a visit for indoor visitation.
- Outdoor visitation is encouraged, for safety, in our newly tented outdoor Pavilion, located on the lower level.
- The tent will be available as of Monday, November 22, 2021, and it will create a comfortable environment, to include heat, furnishings and light refreshments. Please note scheduling a visit is required for outdoor visitation. Please schedule your visit by [clicking here](#).

Infection Control Core Principals:

When visiting, we require you to maintain the **core principles of infection prevention**. Visitors must **wear face coverings or masks during indoor visits**, regardless of vaccination status, and visits should ideally occur in the resident's room.

Visitation Guidelines:

1. All visitors must wear a mask upon entering the facility and at all times while in the facility, as well as when in the presence of a patient/resident on our facility grounds.
2. Visitors will be screened prior to admittance. This will include questions regarding your current state of health, and recent contact with a COVID-19 positive person. Your temperature will be taken and screening questions will be asked upon entering the facility. It is imperative that you comply with answering the screening questions. In addition, you will be asked your vaccination status; your response is not mandatory, however is appreciated. All this information is especially critical, in the event that Parker must conduct contact tracing, due to a potential future COVID-19 outbreak. We appreciate your support and understanding.

Please complete the visitor vaccine survey prior to your indoor visit [by clicking here](#).

3. All visitors will be denied entrance if they report or are observed with signs/symptoms of COVID-19 infection, have had recent exposure to a COVID-19 positive person, and/or have a temperature of 100.4 degrees or greater. **We appreciate your understanding and support, as we protect our most vulnerable against this dreaded COVID-19 virus.**

4. We continue to encourage vaccination and booster shots to all who are eligible

To schedule a vaccine appointment for individuals age 12 and older, please [click here](#).

To schedule an appointment in our Pediatric Vaccine Clinic, [please click here](#).

5. Visitors should report directly to the resident's room after being screened and instructed to proceed.

6. Please be aware elevators have a maximum of 4 people at all times.

7. Please perform hand hygiene before your visit using the alcohol-based hand sanitizer located at the entrance and throughout the facility.

8. Please maintain physical distancing of at least 6 feet between you and the resident you are visiting.

9. Before you leave the unit/visitation area please perform hand hygiene using the alcohol-based hand sanitizer located throughout the facility.

10. Visitors who are unable to adhere to the core principles of COVID-19 infection prevention will not be permitted to visit and will be asked to leave.

11. Please be aware of the symptoms of COVID-19 infection even if fully vaccinated:

Temperature, fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headaches, sudden loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea.

12. If you become ill or test positive for COVID-19 and your visit to the facility occurred 2 days before the symptoms onset or 2 days before your test, please notify the facility immediately so that contact tracing can be initiated. Please call the main number at 718-289-2100.

Celebrating Thanksgiving at Parker:

In addition to the Thanksgiving Day celebrations, we have planned for our patients and residents on Thanksgiving Day, we invite our families to stop by on Thursday, November 25, 2021 to enjoy a **Thanksgiving Sip and Snack**, in our new outdoor tented Pavilion, located on the lower level. Please reserve a spot to share a cup of hot apple cider and some pie with your loved one. Space is limited and up to two guests per resident will be allowed to attend, please [sign up here](#).

Please note, for those who intend to take a resident out of the facility and off-site on Thursday, November 25, 2021, Thanksgiving Day, please be advised that if the resident does not return back to Parker the same day, they will be placed on the observation unit for 14 days to ensure infection control prevention.

We have so much to be thankful for this year, especially our Parker Community, which continues to thrive, due in part to the trust and confidence that you have placed in us.

Respectfully,

The Parker Team