

FULTON COMMONS CARE CENTER

NURSING DEPARTMENT

**POLICY AND PROCEDURE
COMPASSIONATE CARE VISITS
FEBRUARY 25, 2021**

POLICY: It is the policy of FCCC to permit visitation in the facility when it may not otherwise, be permitted in accordance with the DOH's current visitation guidance.

PROCEDURE:

The following are some of the criteria for compassionate care visits but not limited to them specifically.

- (a) Newly admitted residents having difficulty adjusting to the facility environment and lack of in-person family support. This may only occur after the fourteen (14) day quarantine observation period is completed.
- (b) Residents who recently are grieving the loss of a friend or loved one.
- (c) Residents who previously received in-person support and/or cueing from the family for eating and drinking and are now experiencing dehydration and/or weight loss.
- (d) Residents who are exhibiting signs and symptoms of emotional distress including but not limited to seldom speaking or crying more frequently, refusing to participate in an activity or activities, staying in bed longer than usual or exhibiting behavior considered abnormal for the resident.
- (e) Residents who receive religious or spiritual support from clergy or another layperson.

Compassion care visitation will be allowed at all times regardless of any visitation restrictions in effect in the facility.

The above criteria are not the only criteria for compassionate care visits. Additional situations may be considered by the facility on a resident-specific basis.

Although testing of the visitor for these visits is not required, FCCC will be asking for a negative swab within (72) seventy-two hours of visitation. The facility will facilitate testing the visitors upon their arrival to the facility using the rapid antigen test if they do not present one at that time. Visitors for compassionate care visits will be screened at the front receptionist desk for temperatures as well as completing the proper screening documentation. +

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