

SHANNON COURT CARE HOME LTD.	Issue Date: March 2023	Reviewed: 09/25
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VISITING POLICY		

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to lay out our rules and expectations for visitors to the Home and to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our residents and staff, while also promoting social interaction and companionship with visitors.

Please note that this policy does not apply to end of life visits or to essential carer givers. This policy can be found on our website, titled 'Essential Visits Policy'.

Visiting Hours

Visitors are welcome to visit residents in our Home between the hours of 10:30am and 8:00pm. Protected mealtimes are between

- 08:00am and 11:00am
- 12:00pm and 1:00pm
- 4:00pm and 5:30pm

You are permitted to visit during these times if you are the essential care giver, or if you want to assist your relative or friend with their meal. Unfortunately, we are unable to provide visitors with a meal.

Visitor Limits

A maximum of two visitors per resident over the age of 16 are allowed in the lounge areas of the Home.

Room visits do not need to be booked in advance, we allow up to five visitors for these visits, including children under the age of 16 (as long as there is an adult guardian accompanying them).

Children under 16 must be supervised at all times by an adult whilst on the premises to avoid risks to our residents.

Safety Measures

Visitors are encouraged to wear masks, although this is not essential. Visitors must sign in and out for each visit. Visitors should also inform staff if they have any infectious symptoms (such as the flu, norovirus, unexplained rashes, fever or Covid as examples), have been in contact with anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19, or have travelled abroad in the past 14 days.

No photos or videos are permitted when in our building at any time, unless you have obtained written permission from the manager prior to doing so.

Booking Process

Visitors can organise a room visit by calling our reception desk. Lounge visits are now open to visitors, no booking is necessary. We no longer use an online booking system for visits.

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Resident Rooms

Visitors must seek permission from the nurse/unit lead/senior before entering any resident's room.

Respecting our Residents

Please be reminded that by visiting our lounges, you are entering the Home of our residents. The nature of our residents' illnesses present in different ways and some residents are in the more advanced stages of their illnesses. Some residents can be more vocal, some may invade your personal space, so please remember that you may be seen as a stranger in their home. We ask that you show respect to all residents in the lounge and understand that our staff know our residents well, including their likes, dislikes and when they require attention.

Staff Safety

We have a zero-tolerance approach to all forms of abuse to our staff members. Any visitors who do abuse our staff members will be asked to leave and will be restricted from entering the Home.

Visitors must respect that staff members are in their workplace and should not be distracted from their duties.

Violation Consequences

We ask that you follow our visiting policy as closely as possible. This policy has been created to ensure the safety, comfort and wellbeing of our residents, staff members and visitors. If this policy is continually breached (3 times or more), the manager reserves the right to restrict your visiting privileges.

We hope that this visiting policy ensures the safety and wellbeing of our residents and staff, while promoting social interaction and companionship with visitors.