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St Mark Village Assisted Living Facility Visitation Policy

Purpose: In-Person Visitation bill has been signed into law, creating Section 408.823, Florida Statutes titled In-person visitation.

St. Mark Village Assisted Living Facility developed the following policy based on this new requirement. St. Mark Village Assisted Living Facility will provide the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) with a copy of the facility's visitations policy and procedure with the renewal application and/or change of ownership application. St. Mark Village Assisted Living Facility will make the visitation policies and procedures available to the agency for review at any time, upon request. The Visitation Policy and procedure is available under the Visitation Policies tab on the main website at: www.stmarkvillage.org

St. Mark Village Assisted Living Facility will designate the Administrator as the person responsible for ensuring staff adhere to the policies and procedures.

Safety-related policies and procedures are not more stringent than those established for staff of St. Mark Village Assisted Living Facility and visitors are not required to provide proof of any vaccination or immunization. This policy allows consensual physical contact between a resident and the visitor.

There may be circumstances that restrict resident visitation, such as pandemic influenza or the presence of infectious diseases that require isolation. In such situations, assisted living communities are required to maintain additional policies and procedures that ensure residents can continue to receive in-person visits from an Essential Caregiver. These visitation policies must also allow in-person visits by resident families, responsible parties, and caregivers in the following circumstances, unless the resident objects.

St. Mark Village Assisted Living Facility recognizes residents may designate a visitor who is a family member, friend, guardian, or other individual as an essential caregiver. St. Mark Village Assisted Living Facility will allow in-person visitation by the essential caregiver for at least 2 hours daily in addition to any other visitation authorized. St. Mark Village Assisted Living Facility does not require an essential caregiver to provide necessary care to a resident. The designated essential caregiver will be

documented in the resident's electronic medical record and updated upon the resident's request.

Residents are allowed in-person visitation in all the following circumstances, unless resident objects:

- End-of-life situations or a significant decline in physical, mental, or emotional well-being
- A resident, client, or patient who was living with family before being admitted to the provider's care is struggling with the change in environment and lack of in-person family support.
- The resident, client, or patient is making one or more major medical decisions.
- A resident, client, or patient is experiencing emotional distress or grieving the loss of a friend or family member who recently died.
- A resident, client, or patient needs cueing or encouragement to eat or drink with signs of weight loss and dehydration or how was previously fed by a family member or caregiver
- A resident, client, or patient who used to talk and interact with others is seldom speaking

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Visitor's Schedule:

St. Mark Village Assisted Living Facility welcomes visitors at any time. You are required to follow all aspects of our visitation policy denoted in this policy.

Visitation Screening:

St. Mark Village Assisted Living Facility will screen the visitor per the facility's infection control policy and procedure will document the name of the individual, the date, and time of entry. Visitors who currently meet the criteria for quarantine should not enter St. Mark Village Assisted Living Facility.

Infection Control Education for Visitors:

Visitors will be provided education on infection control policies and St. Mark Village Assisted Living Facility's infection control precautions.

This policy does not prohibit visits if the specific resident to be visited is quarantined, tested positive, or showing symptoms of a communicable disease. Visits in these circumstances will require a higher level of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) than

standard masks. PPE will be provided to the visitor and will be in accordance with the most recent CDC guidance for healthcare workers.

St. Mark Village Assisted Living Facility does not require visitors to agree in writing to follow the visitation policies and procedures. However, if the visitor has violated the policies and procedures, St. Mark Village Assisted Living Facility may suspend in-person visitation for the specific individual.

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