

## General Indoor Visit Guidelines

**Please note: All visits are contingent upon there being NO ACTIVE cases of COVID among our staff or our residents. All previously scheduled visits will cease until such time as we are cleared by the State of Missouri. It is also possible that the campus will need to go back on a lockdown status if the number of cases rises in the local county.**

We recognize families want to have meaningful interaction with their loved ones. It is our greatest desire to facilitate that while continuing to keep everyone safe. There may be some confusion regarding the new legislation regarding “essential caregivers.” Upon investigation, it has been determined that this covers caregivers that, immediately prior to the COVID crisis, were closely involved in the care of individual. It covers individuals such as clergy, physical therapists, and home care workers. We have sought clarification from the State of Missouri as some families wonder if they fall under that umbrella. Unfortunately, most do not.

As the weather continues to change and be less conducive to outside visits there has been concern on how we would continue family visits. Therefore, we have been in close contact with the Department of Health and Senior Services. Along with the previous “essential caregiver” guidance they have issued refined “general visit” guidelines to allow for limited indoor visits.

- These visits will be much the same as the outdoor visits. However, to comply and ensure safety there are a few items to note. Residents, their guardians, or legal representative will need to designate up to five (5) visitors total. Only two (2) visitors at a time are permitted with social distancing (spaced apart by at least six (6) feet), hand hygiene before and after each visit for both the resident and visitors, and the use a cloth face covering for both the resident and visitor.
- Visits will be by appointment only and must be scheduled through The Baptist Home office. If you wish to schedule a visit, please call 573-546-7429 between the hours of 7:30am -3:00pm Monday-Friday. We do have limited space and times available. Please arrive 15 minutes prior to your scheduled appointment time. All visitors will need to go through a screening process consisting of temp check, and questionnaire regarding health and COVID status. **DO NOT COME** if you have been exposed to COVID in the last 14 days or are having the following symptoms: fatigue, elevated temp, shortness of breath, cough, painful respirations, headache, body aches, nausea, vomiting, loss of taste, loss of smell, skin rashes, red eyes, congestion, runny nose, or allergy-like symptoms. Visitors presenting with ANY of the above symptoms will not be permitted to stay for a visit.
- Once the screening process is complete, facility staff will escort two (2) visitors to the designated visiting area where they may visit with their loved one. Visitors **MUST** remain in this area throughout the visit. Food and Drink will not be permitted in these areas. Visits will be scheduled for one (1) hour. Once the visit is complete the facility staff will escort the visitor out of the facility-
- Inside visits will begin once we receive the authorized visitor list specifying which five (5) individuals are authorized to visit your loved one. Again, that list will be determined

by the resident, their legal guardian, or legal representative. *See additional information regarding the visitor list in the separate document entitled "Authorized Visitor List."*

Again, should there be a case of COVID at The Baptist Home, all visits will cease until such time as we are cleared by the State of Missouri.

We appreciate your cooperation. We understand the pandemic has gone on much longer than anyone ever imagined. Thank you for staying the course, and for your continued prayers for our residents and staff.