

## Easing of Visiting Restrictions @12.5.21

The Northern Ireland Executive has advised that there can now be a gradual approach to easing restrictions on visiting. However, COVID remains in the community and preventative measures are still vital. Based on information provided by the Department of Health, the NI Executive will update the guidelines in four week blocks. Details of next stage anticipated on 4<sup>th</sup> June.

### Everyone has to play their part

Everyone (residents, families, staff) must be aware of their responsibility to ensure that visiting is safe and that the risk of transmission of COVID to residents and others is minimised as far as possible.

### Be aware:

- Those who receive both doses of the vaccine should have a high level of personal protection from COVID-19. However, to date the full impact of protection or transmission to other remains unknown. Children are not yet vaccinated and even if they are not symptomatic may carry infection.
- Even with preventative measures in place, it is not possible to guarantee that transmission of COVID does not happen. However, this has to be balanced against the benefit for the well-being of residents.

### Please consider the Risk Factors leading to transmission of COVID-19:

1. Residents not vaccinated.	Yes/No
2. Visitors not vaccinated. <i>(This may be particularly the case for children and young people as they have not yet been vaccinated)</i>	Yes/No
3. Visitors agree to follow the guidelines on PPE (wearing a mask, washing/sanitising hands).	Yes/No
4. Visitors agree to follow the guidelines on social distancing. <i>(hand holding where both parties are vaccinated, but not hugging which NI government guidelines may allow in June. Remember children are not vaccinated)</i>	Yes/No
5. Visitors agree to minimise their movement around the home, avoiding close contact with others. Avoid visiting at mealtimes or other occasions when residents will be in communal areas.	Yes/No
6. Where possible meet in a well ventilated space and preferably outdoors.	Yes/No
7. Visitors have travelled abroad, or been in close contact with those who have travelled abroad, which could potentially introduce a COVID variant.	Yes/No

*Thank you for abiding by the regulation*



## Important Visiting Information

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***Please***

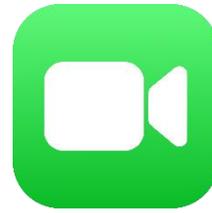
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1. Always telephone the house staff and book a visit in advance. This will be recorded for the purposes of Track and Trace.
2. Only two people to visit at one time (this would include a child).
3. Wear a mask at all times and sanitise your hands.
4. On arrival at the house please go directly to the agreed visiting space, avoiding close contact with others.
5. Follow the guidelines on social distancing (*Handholding is permitted, where both parties are vaccinated, but not hugging until Dept of Health guidelines allow, possibly in June*)

# Safety Level for types of Visiting

Safest

Virtual Visits  
(such as facetime)



Window Visits



Garden Visits



Indoor with Screen



Indoor without screen  
(in visiting area)



Resident's Room



Least Safest