



VISITOR RULES FOR ST. JOSEPH'S PLACE (effective 10/15/20)

*Visitation at St. Joseph's Place will take place on week days only (excluding holidays) at 10 am, 11 am and 1 pm resuming on Thursday, October 15.

*Residents with last names that begin with A through L can have visitors on the even days of the month. Residents with last names that begin with M through Z can have visitors on the odd days of the month.

*Each resident can only have two visitors at a time. Visitors under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Based on Department of Health guidelines, we can have only THREE (3) visitors in total at any given time. (This is a change from when we were allowing visitors in August.) Animals should not be included in the visit unless the animals are service animals (with documented proof of the same). Those residents who are COVID-19 positive, residents with COVID-19 signs or symptoms and those residents who are currently on isolation are not eligible for visitors.

*Visitations will occur on the sidewalk area around the entrance door that is on East Main Street in designated spots. Those with handicapped parking will be able to park in the parking lot closest to that entrance. Those without handicapped parking will need to park in the visitor parking area and walk around the building to the entrance on East Main Street.

*Visitors should arrive 15 minutes prior to their scheduled visitation time. (E.g. If you are visiting with your loved one at 10 am, you should arrive at 9:45 am to allow ample time for screening.)

*EVERY visitor must have a negative COVID test result within 7 days prior to the visit and will be screened for signs or symptoms of COVID-19 including a temperature check at/near the entrance door at East Main Street by a St. Joseph's Place staff member. Those visitors who do not have a negative test result within 7 days, who exhibit signs or symptoms and/or who do not pass the screening questions will be refused visitation. Screening questions will include, but not be limited to, recent exposure to COVID-19 through your work, your contacts and/or travel; those who have been exposed will not be able to visit.

*All visits will take place outside in a semi-protected area. In the event of extreme weather conditions (tornado watches/warnings, thunderstorm warnings, heavy rain, extreme heat/cold), visits will be cancelled. (We are exploring an indoor option as we know the temperatures will not allow us to continue with outdoor visits for much longer....)

*Visits will last 30 minutes. (E.g. Visits beginning at 10 am will end at 10:30 am.) This is to allow staff ample time to bring our residents back to the unit, to clean/disinfectant the seating, and to prepare for screening our next group of visitors.

*During visits, all visitors will be required to wear a face mask/face covering that covers both the nose and the mouth and will be asked to use hand sanitizer at the beginning of the visit and as appropriate during the visit. Social distancing of 6 feet must be maintained throughout the visit. A staff member will supervise the visits. Those visitors who do not comply will be prohibited from visiting in the future while visitor restrictions apply.

*Visitors will be required to reserve their visitation time slot at least one business day prior to the visit. **At this time, visitors are asked to email Maureen Torelli at Maureen_Torelli@bshsi.org with their requested time slot.** Please do not call/leave voice mails with your requests. We also ask that you note who will be visiting; only those visitors who have reserved their slots will be permitted to visit.

*Please note: Visitation will cease if: 1) a resident or staff member tests positive and will not be able to resume until 14 days after the test is reported to the New York State Department of Health; 2) the facility receives a deficiency during an infection control survey; 3) visitors are not compliant with the rules outlined above.

*Because visits require a significant amount of staff time/dedication due to the screening requirements and the supervision of visits, we are limiting the visits to weekdays at this time. After visitation resumes, we will review the viability of adding evening and weekend visits in the future.