



DATE: May 29, 2020

RE: **Waiver Homes Visitation Guidelines**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We know you have been anxious to visit with your loved one in our care and with several safety guidelines, we will begin cautiously opening visitation. As we follow the recommendations of the Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) and the guidance from Governor Dewine, you will note several requirements for visitation to keep you and your loved one safe and healthy.

After completing the risk assessment provided by the Department of Developmental Disabilities, your home managers, along with the service manager, will determine if the home is ready for visitors. Each home is unique and the circumstances may vary. Some homes may be able to allow visitors sooner than others. The home manager along with the leadership team, will make the final determination.

You will be asked to comply with several rules listed below. We will also ask you to sign a form stating that you have read and agree to comply with the health guidelines when visiting.

Visits for people within our homes present a significant challenge due to vulnerable people living together. The ability for Enhanced Living to understand and know where the residents have been or who has had contact with them is critical to contain the spread of infection if someone tests positive for COVID-19.

Visitors need to:

- Agree to have temperature taken, complete a health screening & wash hands/use hand sanitizer upon arrival
- Agree to wear face coverings during visit
- Agree to minimize physical contact when possible
- Agree to follow any visitation guidelines required by Enhanced Living to maintain the health and safety of all residents
- Understand the health risks of COVID-19 and the importance of taking steps to minimize exposure for all the residents of the home
- *Understand that visits need to be scheduled and may need to be canceled or rescheduled on short notice depending on the health status of any resident in the home*
- If possible, visits should occur outside where surfaces and furniture will be cleaned and sanitized before and after each visit.



We will continue to follow guidelines developed by the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities and revise our policies as needed. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at dlyle@graceworks.org or on my cell at (937) 416-4141.

Deb Lyle, Administrator