

LINX LIVING LLC
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VISITATION POLICY

Purpose:

In-Person Visitation bill has been signed into law, creating Chapter 408.823, which is subject “In-person visitation.” This policy and these procedures are intended for assisted living facilities to comply with the regulations set forth in Chapter 408.823, Florida Statutes. A resident may designate a visitor who is a family member, friend, guardian, or other individual as a caregiver.

Policy:

The following are the procedures to be followed to identify Caregivers for residents or anyone who wishes to visit their relative and the expectations. These procedures will be administered equally to all residents that request to have a visitor, without regard to race, color, religion, sex (including gender identity and transgender status), age, national origin, disability, or veteran status.

Visitors provide emotional support to help a resident deal with a difficult transition or loss, upsetting event, making major medical decisions, needs cueing to eat and drink, stops speaking, or end-of-life. Visitors will be allowed entry into facilities on a limited basis for these specific purposes. The provider must allow at a minimum in-person visitation for at least 2-hours daily under these circumstances. At Linx Living LLC, the 2-hour visitation will be between 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Procedures:

i. For designation and utilization of Visitation Policy

1. Linx Living LLC will provide the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) with a copy of the facility’s Visitation Policy and Procedure, with the initial licensure application, renewal application and/or change of ownership application.
2. Linx Living LLC visitors’ policy and procedure will be available on the homepage once one is created.
3. Linx Living LLC will designate Joan James-Williamson as key staff to support infection prevention and control training.
4. Joan James-Williamson, Administrator is responsible to train both staff and visitors on adhering to the visitation policies and procedures and the infection control policies of the facility. She is also responsible for ensuring that visitors and staff adhere to policies and procedures.
5. Linx Living LLC will set a limit on the total number of visitors allowed in the facility at any given time based on the ability of staff to safely screen and monitor the space to accommodate the visitors.
 - a. IF and When an Essential Caregiver is needed

- a) Identify locations for visitation/care to occur planning for residents in shared spaces and facilities with minimal common space to identify maximum time availability.
 - b) Provide outdoor visitation spaces that are protected from weather elements, such as porches, courtyards, patios, or other covered areas that are protected from heat and sun, with cooling devices, if needed.
 - c) Create indoor visitation spaces for residents in a room that is not accessible by other residents or in a resident's private room if the resident is bedbound and for health reasons cannot leave his or her room.
- 6. All residents and/or POA/Guardian if appropriate will be asked if they want to identify an Essential Caregiver in the case that one is needed.
- 7. All new residents will be asked if they would like to identify an Essential Caregiver upon move-in.
- 8. All residents will be allowed to update as requested the named Essential Caregiver of record within 2 business days of request.
- 9. Residents are allowed in-person visitation in all the following circumstances, unless the resident, client, or patient objects:
 - a) End-of-life situations.
 - b) 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.
 - c) The resident, client, or patient is making one or more major medical decisions.
 - d) A resident, client, or patient is experiencing emotional distress or grieving the loss of a friend or family member who recently died.
 - e) A resident, client, or patient needs cueing or encouragement to eat or drink which was previously provided by a family member or caregiver.
 - f) A resident, client, or patient who used to talk and interact with others is seldom speaking.
- 10. Maintain a visitor log for signing in and out.
- 11. No more than one visitor/family may be designated per resident.
- 12. The policy need NOT prohibit visitor visits, if the specific resident to be visited is quarantined, tested positive, or showing symptoms of a communicable disease. Visits in these circumstances will likely require a higher level of PPE than standard surgical masks. The general visitation requirement that the facility has no new facility-onset cases of any communicable disease is not applicable to visitation by essential caregiver visitors.
- 13. Linx Living LLC is not required to provide for "facility-provided" testing if, and only if, it is based on the most recent CDC and FDA guidance. The cost of this testing cannot be passed on to the visitor.
- 14. Visitors must wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) per facility's Infection Control Policies. The PPE required must be consistent with the most recent CDC guidance for healthcare workers. At Linx Living LLC the visitors shall wear the same PPE that staff wear to provide care or services to the resident.
- 15. Any changes to Linx Living LLC Visitation policies must be promptly communicated to affected residents and essential caregivers and all visitors.

ii. To facilitate visits by all visitors upon a request from a resident or friend/family member:

1. The resident (or their representative) will read and sign the policy and procedures. The acknowledgement of the signature represents that the visitor will abide by the policies set forth in this document.
2. The visitor will complete training on infection prevention and control including the use of PPE, use of masks and hand sanitation.
3. The visitor must immediately inform the facility if they develop symptoms consistent with a communicable disease within 24-hours of their last visit at the facility.
4. Visits may take place in the resident's room or a designated area determined by Linx Living LLC.

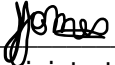
iii. When a visitor visits; the facility will:

1. Linx Living LLC will thoroughly screen the visitor per the facility's infection control policy and procedure and document the name of the individual, the date and time of entry, and the screening mechanism used and the employee's signature. If the visitor fails the screening, the visitor will be asked to use a higher level of PPE.
2. Linx Living LLC will ensure that the required consents, and training and policy acknowledgements are in place.
3. Linx Living LLC will ensure that the visitor has appropriate PPE, (the visitor is subject to the same PPE requirement as the staff) if applicable.
4. Linx Living LLC will require the visitor to sign in and out on the visitor log.
5. Linx Living LLC will monitor the visitor's adherence to policies and procedures.
6. If the visitor fails to follow the facility's infection prevention and control requirements, after attempts to mitigate concerns, Linx Living LLC shall restrict or revoke visitation.
7. In the event the visitor's status is revoked due to the individual not following the facility's policies and procedures, the resident can select a different essential caregiver visitor who will be granted visitation rights and agrees to Linx Living LLC policies and procedures.
8. Visitors are not compelled to provide proof of vaccination or immunization status
9. Consensual physical contact between a resident and visitor is allowed.

This policy is subject to change based on any updates or mandates from the State regarding communicable diseases.

Resident/Representative Signature

Date



Administrator

09/04/2026

Date