# **Resources for Nursing Facility Re-opening and Visitation Options**

## **KDHE** recommendations:

**KDHE Toolkit for Long Term Care Facilities** 

## **KDADS Guidance:**

Nursing Facility Re-opening Requirements and Recommendations – June 12, 2020

**COVID-19 Guidance and Resource Center** 

#### CDC:

Preparing for Covid-19 in Nursing Homes - Summary of Changes to Guidance - June 25, 2020

## CMS:

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on Nursing Home Visitation – June 23, 2020

## **Sample Guidance from Other States:**

## Oklahoma:

Phased Re-opening in Long Term Care Facilities - Oklahoma

## Missouri:

**Guidance Considerations for Long Term Care Facility Visits - Missouri** 

## lowa:

**Iowa Guidance on Phased Easing of Restrictions for Long-Term Care Facilities** 

#### Colorado:

**Guidance for Residential Care Facilities Outdoor Visitations** 

#### Nebraska:

**Long Term Care Phasing Guidance - Nebraska** 

# **Visitation Options/Ideas:**

Visits by appointment, all visitors over 12, private location for confidential conversation Office space made into meeting room for visitation

Consider different in person visitation options for residents who cannot go outside or are bedbound Coordinate a visitation day with Ombudsman

Coordinate video conference for family council meetings or consultation on resident care

## **Facility Checklist for Opening to Visitors**

## **Outdoor patio visits**

- Outdoor Chicago
- Safety Window
- Tunnel of Hugs

- Visitation Stations
- Several Sedgwick County facilities have begun to offer visitation. Contact CPAAA at 855-200-2372 for contact information

# **Person Centered Compassionate Care Visits**

- Identifying needs of residents visit from spouse, daughter or pastor
- Allowing family who were regular visitor to have limited visits to assist with meal time, paint nails or other personal interactions that were special for resident and family member
- Designate an Essential Support Person who will be permitted to visit onsite, following the same screening and infection control protocols as staff.
- Don't wait for active dying to use compassionate care, notify family at least a week in advance
- Invite family member for limited visit when health decline is apparent

# **Family Support Information**

**Consumer Voice Resources for Nursing Home Resident Advocates** 

When Can Visitors Return to Nursing Homes? - AARP

#### **Kansas Ombudsman**

- Virtual Family Council facilitated by KS Ombudsman

# **Central Plains Area Agency on Aging**



# How can we help?

Are you concerned about an older adult or a loved one during these challenging times? *Kansas Aging and Disability Resource Center* is here to help Kansans in need. Call **855-200-2372** to access community resources and practical advice when you need it.

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