

## BERGEN COUNTY HEALTH CARE CENTER

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Dear BCHCC family,

After a long, hard year, the clouds seem to be parting and we can see and feel the warmth and comfort of the sun. This promise of a new day is reflected in the new visiting regulations that the New Jersey Department of Health issued this week. The March 22, 2021 memorandum states:

<u>Outdoor visits-</u> are permitted at all times for residents who are not COVID-19 positive and who are not in quarantine under transmission-based precautions. All screening and infection prevention and control protocols must be followed, and visits must be scheduled with the facility in accordance with E.D. 20-026. Outdoor visits are allowed in any phase for the facility and CALI score for the region.

<u>Indoor visitations-</u> will be allowed and for all residents (regardless of vaccination status or facility's phase) except when an outbreak in the facility requires certain steps to occur in order for visitation to be continued, as outlined in the next section of this memo, and pursuant to the requirements in E.D. 20-026 (i.e. attestations) and this memo.

<u>Fully vaccinated residents-</u> can choose to have close contact (including touch) with a visitor as long as the person is wearing a tight fitting mask (i.e. surgical mask).

Additional details about making appointments will be forthcoming from us. As in the past, our activities dept. will schedule these appointments on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday mornings. They will be for a fixed period of time allowing all families who wish to visit to have an opportunity to do so. Visitors will be offered a rapid COVID-19 test before visiting and need to comply with Infection Prevention Guidelines.

MISSION: Bergen County Health Care Center is committed to providing individualized, exceptional and compassionate services to our residents, nurturing mind, body and spirit to support optimum quality of life and independence.

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