**Visits at a Group Home:**

ALL VISITORS MUST WEAR A MASK FOR THE DURATION OF THE VISIT, EVEN IF YOU ARE VACCINATED.

This procedure is subject to change based on various circumstances.

All visits must be pre-planned at least 48 hours in advance and coordinated with the Program Coordinator or their designee.

Individuals who live in a Residential Group Home are allowed to have visitors indoors based on the following CDC guidelines for healthcare providers:

* Before allowing indoor visitation, the risks associated with visitation should be explained to residents and their visitors so they can make an informed decision about participation. Employees will share this fact sheet.
* Visitors will be screened and restricted from visiting if they have one or more of the following:
  + Current COVID infection
  + Symptoms of COVID-19
  + Exposure to COVID in the last 14 days
* Visitors will fill out Dove Pointe COVID-19 Visitor Screening Tool
* Visitors who test positive and have visited in the last 14 days must notify the Program Coordinator ***immediately*** upon becoming aware of their positive test so the house may take appropriate precautions.
* Visitors and residents must still wear a [well-fitting cloth mask, facemask, or respirator](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/infection-control-recommendations.html).
  + Eating or having meals during the visit are not allowed at this time, as it requires the removal of your mask while eating.
* The safest approach is to maintain physical distancing of at least 6 feet between visitors and residents. Visitors should physically distance themselves from other residents in the house. Short periods of touch or hugs are allowed.
* Hand hygiene should be performed by both the resident and the visitor(s) before and after contact.
* Only 1 resident may have a group of up to 2 people visit a house at a time, and only if space allows. Outdoor visits may include more people as space and weather permits.
* If the home or visitor has had an exposure, visitation will be put on hold for 14 days.
* Visits should be conducted in common living spaces - not in the close quarters of bedrooms.
* Individuals who are not vaccinated must remain in their private bedroom while others are having visitors, or they may choose to go out for the time period during the visitation
* Failure to cooperate with these guidelines will result in suspension of future visitations.

It is strongly encouraged that all visitors and residents get scheduled for their COVID-19 vaccination if they haven’t done so yet.

**Unsupervised Visits outside the Group Home:**

Residents of group homes who are not fully vaccinated must quarantine themselves when they return from a visit where they spend at least one night outside their group home.

All residents, regardless of vaccination status, who spend at least one night outside the group home, must test for COVID-19 within 48 hours prior to returning to their group home or immediately after returning.

* If a resident returns before receiving their test result, they should remain isolated from other individuals in the home by quarantining in their rooms as much as possible until they receive a negative test result.
* This testing does not affect Level Changes within the home unless the individual is showing symptoms or tests positive.

While outside of the home, all residents, regardless of vaccination status, should:

* Maintain 6 feet of physical distance from anyone who is not a member of the household they are visiting
* Wear a mask when unable to social distance from anyone who is not a member of the household they are visiting
* Avoid crowds, poorly ventilated spaces and places where others do not wear face coverings (such as restaurants)

**Residential Respite in a Group Home**

All individuals requesting residential respite, regardless of vaccination status, who spend at least one night inside a Dove Pointe group home, must test for COVID-19 within 3-4 days prior to arriving to their respite group home and have a negative result.

* In the event of an emergency respite and the resident arrives for respite before receiving their test result, they should remain isolated from other individuals in the home by quarantining in their rooms as much as possible until they receive a negative test result.
* This testing does not affect Level Changes within the home unless the individual is showing symptoms or tests positive.

When individual arrives for respite, they should be screened for COVID-19 and this should be documented in Carematic as a Diary Entry.