

What is allowed for Long-Term Care Facilities Visitation

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A facility or agency must meet certain criteria before entering a new phase, including going 28 days without a resident or staff member testing positive for COVID-19 and having at least a 14-day supply of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) on hand. Until the COVID-19 public health threat has ended, facilities and agencies will practice social distancing, universal masking, screen all staff and residents entering for symptoms, maintain access to testing and follow all local and federal PPE guidelines.

	 LTC Phase 1	 LTC Phase 2	 LTC Phase 3	 LTC Phase 4
Window visits	✓	✓	✓	✓
Remote visits	✓	✓	✓	✓
Outdoor visits	✓*	✓***	✓	✓
Limited indoor visits	✓**	✓**	✓	✓
Normal visitation				✓

* Limited to two visitors each day.

** End of life visits:

or, if a resident is unable to participate in outdoor or remote visits an essential support person is allowed to visit once daily and only for a compassionate care reason.

*** Limited up to 5 people for an outdoor visit including the resident.