Blueberry Gardens Phased re-opening plan for visitation 8/12/2020

Dear Blueberry Gardens Families,

Governor Inslee, in collaboration with DSHS and DOH has provided Adult Family Homes with guidelines by which visitation in Long term care facilities (and Adult Family Homes can occur). I will tell you that I have grave concern that allowing visitation to Adult Family homes in person will be introducing vectors which can lead to positive Covid infections amongst our residents, but also understand families urgent desire to visit in person. We are mandated to provide you with this policy statement and to both dictate and enforce all of the rules listed herein if you intend to visit in person.

Visitation guidelines are divided in Phased approaches, with the move to the next phase dictated by positive Covid 19 prevalence among 100,000 individuals in the County over the previous 2 weeks.

 Adult Family homes are allowed to make provisions for in person visitation as long as all aspects of the visitation policy occur, and in compliance with the stated Phase for each County.

 Currently, King County is listed as having 91/100,000 positive Covid cases over the last 2 weeks average period, so visitation using “Phase 1” guidelines are possible. I will monitor for and notify you when King County has moved to Phase 2, which will be when the 2 week Covid + prevalence is < 75/100,000.

**PHASE ONE:**

In Phase 1 Residents may have short visits with Family members **outdoors**, in a dedicated location on our back patio, as long as all of the following requirements are met.

1. The visit must be scheduled, and must be time limited. Max of 2 visitors at a time and max of 2 visitors per resident per day. We request not more than 30 minutes for a visit as we have other family members who want to schedule visit times and we can only have one resident receive visitors at a time. Staff will keep a log of your planned visit time slot. Please be respectful of this scheduled time.
2. The visitor will be screened at the Blueberry Gardens Front door with a temperature and symptom check, and will sign into the visitor log, sanitize their hands with liquid sanitizer, then be directed around the outside of the house to the dedicated visitors area which will be disinfected between visitors. Mask must be worn at all times and visitors must stay at least 6 feet away from resident during the visit. No Hugging, kissing, or removal of masks is allowed and social distancing must be maintained. These rules are mandated by the state and if not followed we are supposed to cease allowing in person visitation.

In Phase 1 **outdoor Window Visits** and **Compassionate End of life indoor visits** are still allowed but please call to schedule these visits rather than just stopping by, as we are required to limit total visitors to the property at one time. Indoor Compassionate life visits are limited to 1 visitor per day, must occur in the residents room, and visitor must be masked at all times and have symptom and temperature check screening at the front door prior to entering and washing hands. Please do NOT remove your mask when in residents room.

**PHASE TWO:**

King County will move to Phase 2 of visitation guidelines once the 2 week average of Covid + cases are <75/100,000. In Phase 2, all provisions of Phase 1 remain in effect relating to **Window Visits, Compassionate End of life visits inside the home**, and **Outdoor Visitation.** As outlined above in Phase 1. In addition, If a resident is UNABLE to tolerate an outdoor visit, then a brief indoor visit by one visitor per day, is allowed if all of the following criteria are met:

1. Visitors must schedule their in person visit, and a reasonable reason for why the visit cannot occur on the back patio needs to be documented.
2. Residents are limited to one in person in home visit per day, which should be limited to 30 minutes duration
3. Visitor will be symptom and temperature screened at the door, will be required to sign into visitor log, and will then be directed to wash their hands.
4. Visit must occur in the residents room, a mask must be worn by visitor at all times and social distancing must be maintained. If visitors are noncompliant with these requirements, in person visitation will not be allowed.
5. Please do not visit the home if you have been at any large gatherings, have traveled or flown in an airplane in last 14 days, have any symptoms of illness, or have been exposed or potentially exposed to Covid 19.

**Resident outings during Phase 1 and Phase 2:**

Outings from the home, other than for urgently required medical care, should not occur. If a resident does go on an outing for urgently needed care, a 14 day quarantine period is required upon their return in order to protect the other residents from a potential exposure.

**Scheduling Visitation:**

To Schedule a visit, please call the home directly and schedule the time appointment for your visit. I will be orienting our staff to the provisions of outdoor and indoor visitation tomorrow (Thursday) at our weekly staff meetings, and in person outdoor or indoor visitation can be scheduled for Friday and onwards. Visit “appointments” will be for 30 minute intervals.

To schedule visit appointment, call:

BBG1 425-949-8385

BBG2 425-949-5061

BBG3 425-286-2733

BBG4 425-949-8927

BBG5 425-877-1451