Visitation Policy

NYS DOH is now allowing Sunshine to **resume limited visitation**. There are very specific criteria which must be adhered to and is included in our **NY Forward Safety Plan**. The following guidelines will be implemented for this new plan and must be adhered to:

1. Visitation is limited to parents/legal guardians or authorized representatives of the resident, and immediate family, regardless of age. No more than two (2) visitors per child will be permitted at any time.
2. No more than 10 percent (10%) of the children shall have visitors at any one time. Up to five (5) families can be accommodated for visits. Social distancing will be strictly enforced when multiple families are visiting.
3. COVID-19 testing is no longer required. Pre-visit screening will continue as will the mandated PPE use. Visits are to be pre-scheduled with social work for Monday-Friday, 9-5 for a maximum of two (2) hours. Social Work and QOL will be responsible for monitoring visits.
4. Visits will held outside of the main residence- either on the front patio or back patio, weather permitting. Visitation in a child's room is prohibited **except** when a parent wishes to inventory their child's clothing, bring in new clothing, and/or decorate the room. In these instances, Sunshine must assure that roommates are not inconvenienced and can be otherwise occupied in a common area. These visits will be allowed for a maximum of one (1) hour.
5. Per DOH, if any visitor fails to adhere to the established protocols, he/she will be prohibited from visiting during the duration of the COVID public health emergency.

It remains important to underscore the seriousness with which our clinical team studies any potential risk factors for your children. Our number one priority each and every day is to keep our children safe, protected and happy. It is always within this framework that decisions regarding visitation are made.

The attached Fact Sheet will be provided to each visitor to assist with planning visits.

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