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ADDENDUM TO VISITATION POLICY IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER

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REFERENCE(S): [California Department of Public Health, State Public Health Officer Order August 5, 2021 – Requirements for Visitors in Acute Health Care and Long-Term Care Settings](#)
[California Department of Public Health, AFL 21-31](#)

PURPOSE: To provide guidelines for indoor visitation to comply with the state public health order.

AFFECTED AREAS/DEPARTMENT: All Areas and Departments

- I. In order to be allowed entry into the facility for indoor visitation, the visitor **MUST** provide one of the following:
 - A. Proof of full vaccination (one dose of a single dose regimen, two doses of a two dose regimen) which include the following:
 1. COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card (issued by the Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control & Prevention or WHO Yellow Card) which includes name of person vaccinated, type of vaccine provided, and date last dose administered); OR
 2. a photo of a Vaccination Record Card as a separate document; OR
 3. a photo of the client's Vaccination Record Card stored on a phone or electronic device, OR
 4. documentation of COVID-19 vaccination from a health care provider; OR
 5. digital record that includes a QR code that when scanned by a SMART Health Card reader displays to the reader client name, date of birth, vaccine dates and vaccine type.
 - B. Documentation of a negative SARS-COV-2 test taken within 72 hours before each visit if unvaccinated or incompletely unvaccinated
- II. Visitors who are visiting a patient in critical condition (when death may be imminent), are a parent/guardian of pediatric patients, a support person for a labor & delivery patient, or support person for a patient with physical, intellectual, developmental disability, or cognitive impairment are exempt from the above requirements for emergent situations. For subsequent visits following the emergent situation and as soon as reasonably possible, these visitors must comply with the vaccine verification or applicable testing requirements within 72 hours.
- III. All visitors, regardless of vaccination status or test result, must:
 - A. Wear a well-fitting face mask upon entry and at all times within the facility
 - B. Wear any other personal protective equipment (PPE) while in the patient's room that facility personnel deem appropriate to the situation; and
 - C. Physically distance from health care personnel and other patients/residents/visitors that are not part of their group at all times while in the facility

Failure to comply with the above guidelines will result in dismissal from the facility.