

Prairie Senior Cottages

OUTDOOR VISITS RISK ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (COVID -19)

RESIDENT NAME: _____ DATE: _____

Older adults and those with respiratory conditions are especially vulnerable to the serious consequences of the novel coronavirus. Like you, the health and safety of those living in our setting continues to be our top priority. We at Prairie Senior Cottages have been strictly adhering to the guidance provided to long-term care settings by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH).

CMS has outlined critical steps that nursing homes including memory care communities should take prior to relaxing protective restrictions currently in place and identifies factors State of Minnesota officials should consider in deciding when it is safe to re-open, including re-opening with protective restrictions. In addition to the recent guidance on window visits, MDH has revised its guidance to allow for outdoor visitation at long-term care settings.

As community transmission of COVID-19 continues to spread in Minnesota, we recognize that visits to an older adult or a person with respiratory conditions may put that person at risk for serious and life-threatening infection. The CDC reports that "ill visitors and healthcare personnel are the most likely sources of introduction of COVID-19 into a facility." We also know that infected persons can pass along the virus without even exhibiting symptoms of the virus themselves. However, we also recognize the impact that social isolation can have on the health and well-being of our residents and believe we can balance the need for safety and visitation with your support of our restrictions and instructions for visitation.

We support the direction of both the CDC and MDH and have adapted our policies and procedures to allow for outdoor visitation. We will provide space to allow for outdoor visits and respectfully ask residents and visitors to comply with the recommended restrictions and instructions for safe visitation. At this time, we continue to limit all but essential staff and end-of-life visitors inside our doors. This policy is based on the current guidance from the CDC, CMS and MDH. We will refine and update our policy as more information becomes available and as guidelines change.

If you have questions regarding our visitation policy, which is based on guidance from the Minnesota Department of Health, you may contact the Ombudsman for Long-Term Care at 651-431-2555 or 1-800-657-3591.

I acknowledge that I have read and understand the implications of my decision for an outdoor visit on the Prairie Senior Cottages campus. I also agree to follow the attached restrictions and instructions.

Signature: _____

Relationship: _____ (if not the resident)