**POLICY**

It is the policy of the facility to ~~work with~~ support residents and families to go on outings, including out on pass, while minimizing the potential spread of Covid-19 infection. As per CDC guidance, the facility may consider quarantining residents who leave the facility if, based on an assessment of risk, uncertainty exists about their adherence or the adherence of those around them to recommended infection prevention and control (IPC) measures.

**PROCEDURE**

1. For residents leaving the facility for greater than 24 hours, the IDT team will conduct a brief risk assessment to determine the ability of the resident and resident representative’s understanding and ability to adhere to basic Infection Control Principles.
2. The assessment tool will evaluate the potential risks to resident safety regarding going out into community. This includes principles such as physical distancing, mask wearing, hand hygiene and reporting by the resident/resident representative if resident was exposed to Covid 19 while out of facility.
3. The RN / IP will review with family risks identified from the assessment to educate resident/ resident representative.
4. If the assessment identifies risk of IC principles not being able to be maintained the facility will quarantine resident on return to the facility for 14 days and may request a diagnostic test for SARS COV-2.
5. The resident/ resident representative will be requested to sign the risk assessment indicating they have been educated and informed of risks and IC core practices.
6. For residents going to medical appointments, the facility will request that communication from the medical facility be provided to assist to identify residents with potential exposures to COVID-19 before the return to the facility so that proper precautions and contact tracing can be implemented. If there is an identified area of noncompliance with IC principles, residents may be quarantined for 14 days and testing for SARS COV-2 be conducted.

**REFERENCE(S)**

CDC (3/29/2021). Interim Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations to Prevent

SARS-CoV-2 Spread in Nursing Homes. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/long-term-care.html>

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