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Ludeman Developmental Center
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Dear Guardian/Family Member:

With colder weather approaching, we understand the importance of still being able to visit your loved one and are pleased to announce, that we will transition visitation to the Inside of **Building 57**, beginning **October 14th**. You will still call Sandy Vanoskey, Clinical Director at 708-283-3893 to pre-arrange any visitation. We will be continually revising our guidance based on any updates from IDPH to allow for as much visitation as possible while maintaining a safe environment.

You must schedule your visit at a minimum 48 hours in advance so we have time to staff the areas as you will need to complete a Covid Questionnaire as well as have your temperature taken upon arrival. A limit of 2 adult visitors will be allowed per individual. Sandy will assign you a room and time in building 57. Please ensure you wear a mask, if you forget your mask, one will be provided to you upon arrival. If your loved one will not tolerate wearing a mask, then we require you to wear a face shield as well. We will provide that to you and those are to be saved and re-used for future visits as supply is very limited. They can be cleaned with antibacterial soap and water and alcohol wipes. Visits can be scheduled on the days and time slots listed below: Again, you must call and schedule a minimum of 48 hours in advance. The contact is Sandy Vanoskey, Clinical Director 708-283-3893.

Days and times available: **Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 10:30-11:30a OR 6-7p. Saturdays are also available at 3 different time slots: 1030a-11:30a, 1-2p or 3:30-4:30p. We have also now added Sundays! Time slots for Sundays are 10:30am -11:30 am or 1-2pm. *Please note that the bathrooms in building 57 will not be available for use.**

In the event of any new exposure to COVID-19 at the Center, please understand, for the health and well-being of the individuals that we support, visitation will be suspended until under control. We also ask that you adhere to the guidelines listed below. If it is not possible, we ask that visits be rescheduled at a later date.

Out of an abundance of safety, the following guidelines must be adhered to at this time:

1. A limit of 2 adult visitors will be allowed at any one time
2. Visitors will **not** be allowed to use the center bathrooms during the visit.
3. Visiting must be arranged a minimum of 48 hours in advance
4. Visitors will be screened by phone, 24 hours in advance, by center staff, using the CDC approved symptom checklist.
5. Upon entering the center all visitors will be screened with the CDC symptom checklist and have their temperature taken by a Nurse. Any visitor that answers "yes" to any question or has a temperature >100°F will be not be permitted on campus for a period of 14 days, unless the visitor can provide documentation by a health care provider that they are not infectious.
6. Any visitor displaying observable symptoms of COVID-19 like illness will not be permitted on campus.

7. Visitors must self-disclose any contact with a COVID19 positive person within the last 14 days and anyone who has had such contact will be prohibited from visiting.
8. If a resident is ill, the visitation will be rescheduled.
9. All visitors must wash their hands and use hand sanitizer upon arrival at the center and throughout the visit, as needed.
10. It is requested that all visitors self-disclose to the Center Director(s) if they become ill with COVID-19 like symptoms within 14 days after visiting the center.
11. **All visitors must wear approved masks throughout the entirety of the visit.**
 - a. In the event the resident refuses to wear a mask, the visitor will be supplied a surgical mask. The visitor must also wear a **Face shield. (this will be provided upon arrival-one per family member and is to be saved for future visits)**
 - b. If the resident wears a face mask the visitor may wear a cloth mask/face covering **and will not be required to wear face/eye protection.**
12. There can be no direct physical contact during the visit. Visitors must remain 6 feet apart from the resident and staff. Social distancing is to be adhered to. We can teach the residents “virtual hugs” prior to the visit if you think that will help.
13. A staff member will be present during visits. If the guidelines are not adhered to the visit will be rescheduled.
14. **You may now bring Food or a treat in for your loved one during your visit however it should be in a separate bag or container and sharing items is not permitted.** Please be reminded that Bathrooms will not be available during the visits. Items must be disposed of in trash receptacles in Building 57. Clothing is allowed in a **sealed bag only**, and must be retrieved by a gloved staff member and placed in the washer upon returning to the home.
15. If you cannot do an in-person visit at this time we can set up a Facetime or Zoom call with your loved one as well. That can also be scheduled through our Clinical Director at 708-283-3893. If you are requesting a ZOOM please send an email to Sandra.vanoskey@illinois.gov with the meeting ID and password and she will assign someone to complete that. Please try to give 2-3days notice so it can be arranged.

Thank you for your patience, consideration and understanding.

Sincerely,

Tameka L. Watson, Facility Director

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Sandy Vanoskey, Clinical Services Director