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Vista Woods Care Center is happy to announce that visitation requirements in nursing facilities set by the Federal Government (CMS) have eased somewhat recently. It is pretty much based upon each resident's status, county COVID-19 positivity rates set by CMS and each individual facility's status. It is quite complicated and will change frequently.

There are 3 color codes like a stop light: green, yellow and red. There are different rules under each of these colors. Today, we are in a yellow zone with a county positivity rate of 9.9%. Red is over 10% and green is under 5%. We will attempt to post our facility's color in a front window so that you have some idea what our visitation status currently is. Please remember that each color may have different visitation levels and rules. We have also posted our visitation policy on the website today. It could change tomorrow based upon status changes.

Today we allowed our first indoor visit. Those visits require strict infection control practices. They must be scheduled in advance and will be supervised to ensure adherence to those practices. Visits will be limited to fifteen minutes with a limit two visitors at a time. Visitors must be age 14 or older. You must wear a facemask, sanitize hands and all individuals must remain six feet or more apart. Visits will be ended immediately if the precautionary requirements are not met. The facility may also restrict certain visitors in certain situations. This may seem a little harsh but is our job to do our best to protect all residents.

This is a big step forward giving us a glimmer of hope. We also are considering allowing the Beauty Operator back into the building soon. It will be necessary for us to follow many of the same strict guidelines during those appointments. Please bear with us during these difficult times.

Sincerely,

Ron Stursma

