



OPWDD has given us guidance regarding how we are allowed to have visitors within our programs. Based on their guidelines we will begin to allow visitors at our homes effective Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020. To ensure we continue to minimize the spread of COVID-19, family members and advocates must adhere to the following policy in order to visit their loved one. At this time, people are still unable to leave their homes to visit their family member(s).

Throughout the COVID pandemic Delarc has instituted precautions that were designed to ensure the health and safety of the people we support as well as our employees. Our policies were written based on information received from the Governor, OPWDD, and the department of Public Health.

The following policy regarding visitation is subject to adjustment dependent upon the requirements imposed by OPWDD:

- Visits are only permitted between 10am and 7pm.
- Visits must occur on agency property. At this time people are not allowed to go anywhere with their visitors, including to sit in their vehicles.
- All Visitors need to call the house at least 24 hours in advance to schedule a day/time to visit. This is to ensure that multiple visitors are not in the home at the same time.
- A maximum of two visitors may visit at a time. Visitors must be 18 years or older.
- Visitors may be limited to one hourly visit per week if the house is receiving multiple requests for visitors.
- Visits must take place outside, on decks, screened in porches, under gazebos, in back yards etc.
- When a visitor arrives they must ring the doorbell. Staff will conduct a COVID-19 screening (taking temperature, asking questions about symptoms and documenting the information in a log book). This must take place outside.
- If a visitor answers yes to any of the screening questions or has a fever they will not be allowed to visit until they are symptom free for 14 days.
- If a visitor has a preexisting condition that results in a COVID symptom they are encouraged to visit their medical provider to obtain a note to such effect prior to scheduling a visit. Please inform the house of this when you call to schedule the visit so we can review with the program nurse.
- Once the visitor has passed the screening process, visitors will be asked to use hand sanitizer prior to visiting with their loved one.
- Staff will then escort them to the area to visit with their loved one.
- All visitors must wear facemasks that cover their mouth and nose for the duration of the visit. Masks can be provided by Delarc if necessary.
- Social distancing of 6 feet will be observed throughout the visit as much as possible
- No food or drink should be consumed during the visit as these activities require the removal of the face mask unless 6ft distancing can be maintained
- Once visits are over people who interacted with the visitor will be encouraged to wash and sanitize their hands thoroughly.