



ORCHARDS HEALTHCARE CENTER VISITATION GUIDELINES

As of 1/7/2022

General guidelines:

A new Public Health Order regarding visitation has just been released.

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Order-of-the-State-Public-Health-Officer-Requirements-for-Visitors-in-Acute-Health-Care-and-Long-Term-Care-Settings.aspx>

According to the order, **effective January 7th through February 7th:**

*Skilled Nursing Facilities, Intermediate Care Facilities and Adult and Senior Care Residential Facilities (licensed by the California Department of Social Services) must either: (1) for **indoor** visitation, verify visitors are vaccinated, have had all recommended doses based on Table A below **and** provide evidence of a negative SARS-CoV-2 test within one day of visitation for antigen tests, and within two days of visitation for PCR tests; OR (2) permit only **outdoor** visitation for those that do not meet all the requirements in Section B (1). For outdoor visitation, visitors must provide evidence of a negative SARS-CoV-2 test within one day of visitation for antigen tests, and within two days of visitation for PCR tests.*

Visitor who visit for multiple consecutive days in all settings covered by this Order, proof of negative test is only required every third day (meaning testing is only required on day one, day 4 and day 7, and so on).

California Immunization Requirements for Indoor Visitation

COVID-19 Vaccine	Primary vaccination series	When does a person become booster-eligible	Which vaccine booster dose to receive
Moderna or Pfizer-BioNTech	1st and 2nd doses	Booster dose 6 mos after 2nd dose	Any of the COVID-19 vaccines authorized in the United States may be used for the booster dose, but either Moderna or Pfizer-BioNTech are preferred.
Johnson and Johnson [J&J]/Janssen	1st dose	Booster dose 2 mos after 1st dose	Any of the COVID-19 vaccines authorized in the United States may be used for the booster dose, but either Moderna or Pfizer-BioNTech are preferred.
World Health Organization (WHO) emergency use listing COVID-19 vaccine	All recommended doses	Booster dose 6 mos after getting all recommended doses	Single booster dose of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine
A mix and match series composed of any combination of FDA-approved, FDA-authorized, or WHO-EUL COVID-19 vaccines	All recommended doses	Booster dose 6 mos after getting all recommended doses	Single booster dose of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vac

If planning an indoor visit, visitors should bring verification of their negative antigen or PCR results and show proof to the receptionist. The executive order requires Orchards to keep a log of visit and testing results. Due to the challenges with obtaining the antigen test kit, the Orchards cannot guarantee we will have testing available when you come for your visit. Therefore, we ask that you make arrangement offsite for your testing and bring results with you.

If the requirements cannot be met for an indoor visit, we do offer outdoor visits and tele visits. Please visit our website at www.visitorchards.com to make a reservation for outside visit.

Pursuant to the [CDPH Guidance for Vaccine Records Guidelines & Standards](#), only the following modes may be used as proof of vaccination:

1. COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card (issued by the Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control & Prevention or WHO Yellow Card) which includes name of person vaccinated, type of vaccine provided, and date last dose administered); OR
2. a photo of a Vaccination Record Card as a separate document; OR
3. a photo of the client's Vaccination Record Card stored on a phone or electronic device, OR
4. documentation of COVID-19 vaccination from a health care provider; OR
5. digital record that includes a QR code that when scanned by a SMART Health Card reader displays to the reader client name, date of birth, vaccine dates and vaccine type.

In the absence of knowledge to the contrary, a facility may accept the documentation presented as valid.

PPE requirements:

In Room Visits – All parties need to wear a mask and practice social distancing

Yellow/Red Zones- All parties must adhere to the proper PPE set up outside the door of the resident unit.

Communal Indoor visits - All parties need to wear a mask and practice social distancing.

Exceptions to visitation restrictions include:

- **Healthcare workers:** Includes those from the local county public health offices, employees, consultants, contractors, volunteers, and caregivers who provide care and services to residents on behalf of the facility, and students in the facility's nurse aide training programs or from affiliated academic institutions. Unvaccinated HCP must be tested twice weekly and wear an N95 while indoors.

- **Surveyors:** Any surveyor entering the facility are subject to screening for fever and COVID-19 symptoms and must wear appropriate PPE.
- **Ombudsman:** Facilities must permit ombudsman in the facility. Any ombudsman representative entering the facility is subject to screening for fever and COVID-19 symptoms and must wear appropriate PPE. CDPH recommends that ombudsman be tested consistent with same schedule as staff members of the facility.
- **Nursing students:** Students obtaining their clinical experience as part of an approved nurse assistant, vocational nurse or registered nurse training program should be permitted to come into the facility. Students entering the facility routinely must participate in facility wide screening testing.
- **End of life/compassionate care visitation:** Visitors must be screened for COVID and wear a surgical mask or full PPE if in yellow or red zone while in the building and restrict movement and frequently perform hand hygiene.

The facility staff will monitor visits and crowd control (based on size of building and physical space) to allow adherence to physical distancing. Facility reserves the right to limit the number of visits if the physical space is not large enough to adhere to safe physical distancing.

Visitors in Communal Activities and Dining are not allowed at this time.