

DATE: June 8, 2020
TO: Families in our Vinfen Community
SUBJECT: An Update on the Family Visitation Policy

I am writing with an important update on the Family Visitation Policy issued by the Department of Developmental Services Commissioner, Jane Ryder on June 6, 2020. (<https://www.mass.gov/doc/dds-residential-program-visitation-guidance/download> or type in mass.gov/dds and look for “COVID” information on the main page).

The updated policy restores visitation on a limited basis, and will go into effect on Wednesday, June 10th. These guidelines adhere to the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and Department of Public Health (DPH) requirements. We are delighted that families will be able to enjoy limited visitation, and are committed to taking precautionary steps that will keep you, your loved one, and staff safe including the following:

- The visit must occur in at outside area at your loved one’s residence (can’t visit your home at this time)
- Visitors may not enter the resident’s home
- Only two visitors are allowed per visit
- You need to schedule your visits in advance. We can only have one visit at the home at a time.
- The visitor, staff, and your loved one are required to wear masks and socially distance during the visit
- Please bring a mask to wear during the visit if you have one
- The visits can’t exceed 30 minutes
- We recommend that you schedule your visits for the same time each week for planning purposes
- All visitors must be screened for COVID-19 symptoms

We are delighted that you will now have an opportunity to visit your loved one. I hope you’re feeling well and staying safe. Enjoy a lovely visit.

My best,



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