

Hospice Inpatient Facilities	Hospice House Visitation	10-022
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*This policy is applicable to the following organization(s): Cornerstone Health Services, Inc.; Cornerstone Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc.; Cornerstone Hospice and Palliative Care of GA, LLC*

**POLICY**

Cornerstone Hospice is committed to ensuring loved ones are allowed in-person visits of patients in any of our freestanding hospice facilities or in patient units.

**PROCEDURE**

1. There are no limits on the number of visitors a patient may have in one day but visitors will be limited to six at one time to maintain a safe environment for all visitors.
2. Visitors will be screened and temperature checked at each and every entry (even if on the same day).
  - a. Any visitor who screens positive or has a known positive will be denied entry.
3. All visitors will be instructed on proper handwashing, social distancing, and precautions to prevent the spread of COVID.
4. Visitors will be required to sign a Cornerstone COVID 19 Liability Waiver on arrival. The waiver is only required once for the same person. For visitors under 18 years of age, the parent or legal guardian will be required to sign the waiver.
5. Visitors under 18 years of age will be allowed at the discretion of the family and with approval by the Manager. Those older than two years of age must be wearing a mask.
6. Visitors are encouraged to use phone calls, video chats (FaceTime, Skype) or other messaging to communicate as much as possible and share updates.
7. Appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is determined based on the COVID status of the facility.

**Positive House**

1. All visitors will need to remain in the patient’s room and may not congregate in common areas of the facility.
2. Visitors will be required to wear a surgical mask, eye protection, gown, and gloves.
3. Visitors are educated on the need to self-quarantine after contact with a positive patient.

**Negative House**

1. All visitors will need to wear a face mask while entering/leaving the building or being in any common area of the facility.
2. While in any common area, social distance should be maintained by all visitors.