

**The Stratford
Assisted Living Facility
Visitation Policy**

Purpose: In-Person Visitation bill has been signed into law, creating Section 408.823, Florida Statutes titled In-person visitation, and may be cited as “No Patient Left Alone Act.”

The Stratford developed the following policy based on this new requirement. The Stratford will provide the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) with a copy of the facility’s visitations policy and procedure with the renewal application and/or change of ownership application. The Stratford will make the visitation policies and procedures available to the agency for review at any time, upon request. The Visitation Policy and procedure is available under the Visitation Policies tab on the main website at: Vicar's Landing.com.

The Stratford will designate the Administrator as the person responsible for ensuring staff adhere to the policies and procedures.

Safety-related policies and procedures are not more stringent than those established for staff of The Stratford and visitors are not required to provide proof of any vaccination or immunization. This policy and procedure allow consensual physical contact between a Resident and the visitor.

Visitation Policies:

Residents are always allowed in-person visitation unless the Resident objects. The Stratford has no limit on the number of visitors per Resident nor the amount of time in which they visit.

Visitor’s Schedule:

The Stratford welcomes visitors at any time. You are required to follow all aspects of our visitation policy denoted in this policy.

Visitation Screening:

The Stratford will screen the visitor per the facility’s infection control policy and procedure via Accushield and will document the name of the individual, the date, and time of entry.

Infection Control and Education for Visitors:

Visitors will be provided education on signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and other infectious agents and The Stratford’s infection control precautions. These items are posted at the front entrance. Use of PPE by visitors is dependent upon the COVID-19 Transmission Rate for the County, any current active cases of COVID-19 in The Stratford, or the specific infectious agent present at the time of the visit. PPE (in the form of surgical masks, isolation gowns, face shields, gloves) will be provided for visitors.

This policy does not prohibit visits if the specific Resident to be visited is quarantined, tested positive, or showing symptoms of a communicable disease. Visits in these circumstances will

require a higher level of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) than standard masks. PPE will be provided to the visitor and will be in accordance with the most recent CDC guidance for healthcare workers.

The Stratford does not require visitors to agree in writing to follow the visitation policies and procedures. However, if the visitor has violated the policies and procedures, The Stratford may suspend in-person visitation for the specific individual.