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State of California Department of Public Health Visitor Limitation Guidance

On 5/2/20, the State of California Department of Public Health sent out a statement about visitors to health care facilities during the Coronavirus pandemic.

- **For the end-of-life patients**, the department states that visitors are essential to the mental health of patients who are at end-of-life and for their continued mental health and well-being, one visitor be allowed to be present with the patient.
- **For patients with physical, intellectual and or developmental disabilities**, the department states that the presence of a support person is essential and it is recommended that one support person be allowed to be present when medically necessary. All support persons must stay in the room and be asymptomatic for COVID-19.

The department strongly encourages facilities, including but not limited to skilled nursing facilities, to create ways for residents and patients to have frequent video and phone call visits. If you are not in California, contact your state department of public health for their rulings.

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