



Dear Arc Friends and Families:

With the Governor lifting many of the restrictions in the state of Maryland, echoed by local officials, The Arc Prince Georges County will begin the process to gradually resume full operations over the next year. Keeping in mind, if the climate of the pandemic changes, we will scale back again to ensure the safety of our employees and the people we support.

The Arc Prince George's County will slowly begin to implement the following transition that will hopefully, lead to resuming full operations within the next year. While we are very excited about the vaccination, there are several things to consider. Given it is not required; some people are still very reluctant to take the vaccination, which slows the progression of herd immunity.

We continue to remain vigilant in our safety protocol, as we closely follow the recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and our local Health Department. The Arc Prince George's County continues to implement the most stringent practices to ensure safety given the nature of our operations. We are steadfast in encouraging every employee and person we support to get the COVID-19 vaccine, if they have not done so already. We have demonstrated our commitment towards getting people vaccinated by hosting several vaccination clinics and by holding educational sessions for the community.

**I. Prior to any type of visit:**

- a. The family member will contact the Program Manager 72 hours in advance of the intended visit to schedule the visit. (onsite, offsite, or overnight). This should be a successful conversation via phone or email with the Program Manager. Voicemails and emails that have not been acknowledged and responded to are not considered proper notification.
- b. Family members will be asked whether or not they have been vaccinated and can show proof of vaccination. If they have not been vaccinated they can only have outdoor/outside visitation.



- c. Only one individual should have indoor visitors at a time, and the number of visitors should be capped where all distancing recommendations can be easily followed.
  - d. Visitors must be screened prior to the visit (see screening questions)
1. The following questions will be asked of all visitors: In the past 72 hours, have you experienced any of the following:
- a) Coughing
  - b) Runny nose
  - c) Shortness of breath
  - d) Diarrhea
  - e) Loss of appetite, taste or smell
  - f) Has there been any changes to your body that wasn't there before? Any "yes" responses will require an immediate call to the nurse and you will not be permitted.
  - g) Has anyone in your home tested positive or has been tested and are awaiting results?
  - h) Have you come into contact with anyone who has tested positive or have been tested and are awaiting results?
  - i) Visitors must wear a face mask,
  - j) If the individual is fully vaccinated, they can choose to have close contact (including touch) with their visitor while they both wear well-fitting face mask,
  - k) Individuals who are not fully vaccinated should not have close contact with visitors,
  - l) Hand hygiene should be performed by the individual and the visitors before and after contact
- Families may pick up their loved ones for outings and return them home after.
  - Overnight visits with family or friends, are permitted with the understanding that individuals who are not fully vaccinated will need to be tested upon returning to their homes. They will also need to quarantine in their rooms for seven days or pending a negative result.

**This Arc of Prince Georges County is committed to following, monitoring and implementing safety practices as outlines by the CDC. We appreciate your support and understanding during the ever changing process.**

**Thank you,**