Best Practices - Outdoor Visits during COVID-19

### Planning
- have a plan. work the plan.
- Set up designated areas for outdoor visits that meet social distancing requirements.
- Determine whether to host visiting hours, limit the number of visitors and limit the length of visit.
- Request all visits be scheduled in advance and assign one staff person to manage the process.
- Design visitation criteria for all visitors to review and agree to prior to the visit.

### Screening
- diligent infection control.
- Screen all visitors for signs and symptoms of COVID-19.
- Require use of face masks or other facial coverings at all times during visit.
- Ensure social distancing of 6 feet during entire visit.
- Require use of alcohol-based rub by visitors prior to visit.
- Limit any physical contact (holding hands, hugs, kisses).

### Staffing
- ensure staff levels.
- Assign staff to serve as scheduler for visitation.
- Ensure staff is available to screen all visitors.
- Assign staff to transport residents, visually monitor visits while allowing for privacy, and disinfect surfaces after each visit.
- Educate staff on outdoor visit policy to help them implement it; ask that they report issues or concerns.

### Communicate
- share the plan. seek feedback.
- Communicate the plan, guidance and requirements for visits.
- Develop a form for visitors to sign that acknowledges they have received criteria for the visit, they will comply with the criteria and understand the potential risk affiliated with the visit.
- Seek feedback on visitation, particularly as it relates to the next phase of your planning for onsite visits.

Visits with families and friends are a core piece of the fabric that makes our communities a great place to live and work. Working together, we can all balance safe visits with meaningful connections and joy for all who live and work in our settings.