

All Long-Term Care Facilities

CDPH is authorizing a statewide waiver for long-term care (LTC) facilities to modify their visitation policies in accordance with CMS guidelines when necessary to protect the health and safety of LTC residents, staff, and the public.

This waiver is already approved by CDPH and is effective March 11, 2020 through June 1, 2020 and may be extended depending on any future guidance from CMS and the CDC to prevent transmission of COVID-19.

Your facility needs to:

- 1. Print it out**
- 2. Insert facility name and address .**
- 3. Post it in a public location within the facility along with the facility's revised visitation policy.**

The waiver can be found in the link below and in AFL 20-22 just released by CDPH.

Guidance for Limiting the Transmission of COVID-19 in Long-Term Care Facilities <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/LCP/Pages/AFL-20-22.aspx>

This approval is based on the facility's compliance with the following terms and conditions:

1. The facility's revised visitation policy shall be developed in compliance with the most recent Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) COVID-19 guidance.
2. This approval letter **shall be posted** in a public location within the facility along with the facility's revised visitation policy.
3. The facility shall comply with directives of the local public health officer.
4. In lieu of visits (either through limiting or discouraging), facilities shall consider alternate means of communication for visitors as described in CMS or CDC guidance.
5. The facility shall not restrict CDPH surveyors from entering or conducting investigations at the facility.

The Department may terminate the waiver if it determines the facility does not meet the terms of the waiver.

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