



The Arc of Howard County

Updated COVID-19 Residential Guidelines

February 7, 2022

We continue to be encouraged by the decreasing numbers of active COVID-19 cases in Howard County. Please see the following updated Residential Guidelines concerning visitation policies for The Arc of Howard County. As always, the safety and well-being of the people we support, their families and our staff is of the utmost importance.

Updated policy for In Home Visits

- **All visits must be planned in advance.**
- **Visitors are not permitted if there is a COVID outbreak in the home.**
- **All social distancing, hand washing/sanitizing and mask compliance protocols must be followed by visitors at all times.**
- **Only one person is allowed to have visitors at a time. The number of visitors should be capped at a number where all social distancing recommendations can easily be followed.**
- **Visits should take place in a private area, separate from housemates and staff (preferably in the person's bedroom).**
- **Please follow all current COVID guidelines. If the intended visitor has been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID, or has been sick during the past previous 14 days, the visit should not be permitted.**

Update policy for Visits to Family or Friend's Homes

- **Visits with family or a close friend must be planned in advance.**
- **If both the family/friend have been vaccinated, visits can occur more frequently.**
- **Please follow all current COVID guidelines. If anyone in the household has been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID, or has been sick during the past previous 14 days, the visit should not be permitted.**
- **If someone has spent more than 24 hours visiting family or a close friend, a negative PCR/Antigen OR a Rapid test result is required before returning to The Arc**

We appreciate your understanding and adherence to these policies as we, once again, slowly and carefully re-open visitation in our Residential program.

Sincerely,

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Cindy Parr
Executive Director, The Arc of Howard County