

Summary of Today's Call for Manchester and Nashua LTCF

October 7, 2020

Rate of Active Cases per 100k as of 10/6/20

- ▶ Rates have increased in certain counties in NH
- ▶ Long term care facilities will need to adjust to the appropriate phase based on county transmission
- ▶ Source: [DHHS Dashboard](#)

Date as of 10/6/2020	
County	Rate of Active Cases per 100k Pop.
Belknap	24
Carroll	13
Cheshire	10
Coos	0
Grafton	16
Manchester	60
Merrimack	30
Nashua	86
Rest of Hillsborough	50
Rockingham	31
Strafford	42
Sullivan	18
Key:	
Phase I	
Phase II	
Phase III	

CMS Test Positivity Rate as of 10/6/20

- ▶ CMS positivity rates for all NH counties still below 5%
- ▶ There are no changes that need to be made for surveillance testing frequency
- ▶ Source: [CMS Data Dashboard](#)

CMS Test Positivity Rates as of 10/6/20		
Belknap County, NH	0.8%	Green
Carroll County, NH	1.8%	Green
Cheshire County, NH	0.4%	Green
Coos County, NH	0.1%	Green
Grafton County, NH	0.5%	Green
Hillsborough County, NH	2.4%	Green
Merrimack County, NH	1.1%	Green
Rockingham County, NH	1.8%	Green
Strafford County, NH	4.3%	Green
Sullivan County, NH	0.7%	Green
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Phase I

Phase I: Facilities with no new facility-onset cases of COVID-19 in the prior 14 days	
Symptom screening	Screen 100% of all persons entering the facility Screen 100% of residents at least daily
Visitation	Compassionate care Indoor* and outdoor social visitation
Non-essential personnel	None
Trips outside the facility	Only medically necessary trips
Communal dining	Limited, with physical distancing
Group activities	Limited [§] to no more than 10 people with masking and physical distancing; cohorting encouraged
Testing	Routine surveillance ^Δ testing in accordance with CMS and NH DPHS guidance
Animal Policy	No companion or therapy animals [†] permitted

[†][Service animals](#) must be permitted to remain with their handlers in accordance with the [Americans with Disabilities Act](#)

**Per [CMS visitation guidance](#), indoor visitation should not occur if a facility is undergoing response testing due to a new COVID-19 case in the facility.*

§The number of individuals involved in group activities depends on facility layout and ability for masking and 6ft of space between residents

ΔSurveillance testing is mandated by CMS for nursing homes and optional for other facilities

Visitation Protocol

	Compassionate Care Visitation	Social Visitation Outdoors	Social Visitation Indoors	Essential Support Visitation
Possible under what CMS county positivity rate ?	All	All	≤ 10%	N/A
Possible in which phases?	All phases	Phases I-III	Phases I-III	Phase II and III
How many eligible visitors allowed?	Up to 2 per visitation	Up to 2 per visitation	Up to 2 per visitation	One consistent, designated visitor
Should visitor wear surgical facemask or cloth face covering?	Surgical facemask	Cloth face covering	Surgical facemask	Surgical facemask
Can residents on quarantine or isolation have visitors?	Yes. Visitors wearing full PPE .	No	No	No
Does visitation need to be monitored?	Yes	Yes, only in Phase I	No	No
Occurs in resident room or designated visitation space?	Either	Designated visitation space	Designated visitation space	Either

FAQs

- ▶ **“Where can I find guidance on phases?”**
 - Please reference the Sept. 28 update to the [Reopening Guidance](#)
- ▶ **“What will change moving from Phase II to Phase I?”**
 - In Phase I, non-essential personnel are not allowed
 - In Phase I, essential support visitors are not allowed
- ▶ **“Does switching from Phase II to I change indoor social visitation?”**
 - No, indoor visitation is still allowed in Phase I from
 - Social visitation and compassionate care visitation are still allowed
- ▶ **“Are group activities still permitted in Phase I?”**
 - Yes, limited to 10 residents with social distancing and masking