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The Agency for Health Care Administration would like to thank the Florida Health Care Association for working to develop a facility visitor screening toolkit that encompasses the most current Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines. Ensuring all facilities are properly screening—and if necessary, restricting visitors—is of the utmost importance at this time. Although this guidance applies to nursing homes, many sections are appropriate for other facility types and should be followed where applicable.

The Agency is making this available as a resource to your facility. Please also review the recent memo from CMS outlining additional guidance to nursing homes to help them improve their infection control and prevention practices to prevent the transmission of COVID-19, including revised guidance for visitation: <https://www.cms.gov/medicareprovider-enrollment-and-certificationsurveycertificationgeninfopolicy-and/qso-20-14-nh.pdf>.

This visitor screening toolkit contains:

- COVID-19 (Respiratory) Checklist
- Sample Letter to Residents, Families and Visitors on Screening Protocol
- Sample Communication to Vendors or Business Partners
- COVID-19 Screener Competency Checklist
- Visitor Screening Tool
- Screener Sign-In Form
- Sample Letter to Employees
- Employee Screening Tool
- Signage from the CDC, including handwashing signage
- Sample signage for visitor screening protocols

The toolkit can be found here:

<https://www.fhca.org/images/uploads/pdf/FHCACOVIDVisitorScreeningToolkit.pdf>

The Agency recognizes that facilities need to be overly cautious at this time to protect their patients and residents. Comprehensive screenings may include temperature taking and restricting visitors if necessary.

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