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Emergency Order Revises Visitation Restrictions at Residential, Skilled Nursing and Long-term Care Facilities

On October 22, 2020, at the direction of Governor Ron DeSantis, Florida Division of Emergency Management Director Jared Moskowitz issued [Emergency Order 20-011](#) revising some of the requirements for individuals entering residential and long-term care facilities.

The revisions include the following:

- Collapse Essential Caregiver into the Compassionate Caregiver definition
- Require signage in the facility for infection control reminders
- Clarify hospice may serve their residents
- Allow resident visits from their legal counsel when virtual means are not available
- Eliminate maximum limit on the number of visitors a resident may have listed - the facility must have policies addressing the number of visitors allowed with a resident or in the facility at one time
- Allow children to visit with appropriate monitoring
- Allow outdoor visitation regardless of facility COVID cases

FAQs will be updated and shared on the Agency's COVID webpage at: http://ahca.myflorida.com/COVID-19_Facilities.shtml#facility

The full Emergency Order is available here: <https://www.floridadisaster.org/globalassets/executive-orders/covid-19/dem-order-no.-20-011-in-re-covid-19-public-health-emergency-issued-october-22-2020.pdf>

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