



State of Louisiana

Louisiana Department of Health
Office of Public Health

HEALTHCARE FACILITY NOTICE/ORDER **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

TO: All licensed Nursing facilities in Louisiana
All licensed Adult Residential Care Providers in Louisiana
All licensed Intermediate Care Facilities for Persons with
Developmental Disabilities (ICF/DD)¹
All licensed Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTFs)

FROM: LDH Office of Public Health
Joseph Kanter, MD, MPH
State Health Officer

RE: **Release and Termination of Emergency Orders**
Visitation Updates

DATE: December 10, 2021

The Emergency Orders concerning visitation requirements/procedures issued to the above-listed facility types, (including those signed and dated on April 29, 2021, June 6, 2021, and June 7, 2021), are hereby released and terminated, effective as of 8:00 a.m. on December 13, 2021.

The above-listed facility types that are certified by Medicare/Medicaid must continue to adhere to the federal requirements for visitation.

Certified nursing facilities must continue to comply with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) guidance/requirements on visitation, pursuant to QSO-20-39-NH, entitled "**Nursing Home Visitation – COVID-19 (REVISED)**", **as revised/issued by CMS on November 12, 2021**. It is recommended that licensed-only nursing facilities and all adult residential care facilities adhere to this CMS guidance/requirements on visitation.

Certified ICF/DDs and PRFTs must continue to comply with the CMS guidance/requirements on visitation, pursuant to QSO-21-14-ICF/IID & PRTE, entitled

¹ These facilities are also known as "intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities."

“Visitation at Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IIDs) and Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTFs) - Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19),” **as revised/issued by CMS on June 3, 2021.** It is recommended that licensed-only ICF/DDs and PRFTs adhere to this CMS guidance/requirements on visitation.

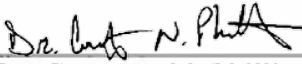
It is recommended that all above listed licensed provider types continue to adhere to the federal visitation requirements and guidance of applicable federal authorities, as amended, including but not necessarily limited to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). Facilities should monitor the relevant pages of the websites of those three agencies.

It is recommended that all facilities listed in this Notice continue to maintain a visitor log.

Signed in New Orleans, Louisiana on December 10, 2021.


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State Health Officer

Concurrence:

 December 10, 2021
Dr. Courtney N. Phillips DATE
LDH Secretary