

# STATE OF CONNECTICUT



## DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES

<b>DMHAS FACILITIES (In-Patient &amp; Residential)</b>	
<b>COVID-19: DMHAS</b>	
<b>PROTOCOL:</b>	<b>DMHAS VISITATION ORDER <i>for Winter 2021-2022</i></b>
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Due to recent increase in COVID cases in the community, effective immediately, facilities operated by the Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services shall implement the following visitation guidelines. They will be reviewed when community transmission decreases.

### Visitor's Guideline

We are happy to welcome visitors to our in-patient and residential facilities. In order to ensure safety of our patients, our visitors, and staff we are instituting the following guidelines.

1. Visits will take place during regular visiting hours. Special arrangements can be made with the treatment team outside of regular hours.
2. All visits will be scheduled to ensure staffing availability.
3. All visits will be in a large, designated area (separated from the general inpatient milieu) to allow for social distancing (cafeteria, gymnasium, auditorium, conference room, or any other space that allows for appropriate social distance).
4. All visitors will be screened at the front door per the DMHAS screening protocol.
5. All visitors, staff and patients must wear a mask during visit. *Cloth masks are not allowed.*
6. Staff will accompany the patient for the visit.
7. Seating will be arranged to ensure social distancing of 6ft or greater.
8. Visit will be time limited (approximately 30 minutes)
9. Arrangements can be made to allow family and friends to visit virtually via TEAMS
10. To the extent available, lockers will be provided for visitors to place all personal belonging before the visit.
11. One to two visitors at a time per client
12. No outside food or drinks are permissible at this time
13. Chairs tables and outdoor surfaces will be cleaned and sanitized per DMHAS protocol after each use.

