

# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH


Manisha Juthani, MD  
Commissioner



Ned Lamont  
Governor  
Susan Bysiewicz  
Lt. Governor

FACILITY LICENSING AND INVESTIGATIONS SECTION

## BLAST FAX 2022-31

TO: Nursing Home Administrators 

FROM: Manisha Juthani, MD, Commissioner

CC: Deputy Commissioner Heather Aaron, MPH, LNHA  
Adelita Orefice, MPM, JD, CHC, Chief of Staff  
Cheryl Davis, R.N. Public Health Services Manager  
Kim Hriceniak, R.N. Public Health Services Manager

DATE: August 5, 2022

SUBJECT: Essential Support Persons

---

Connecticut Public Act 21-17 [Public Act 21-17](#), directed the Commissioner of Public Health establish a statewide policy for visitation with a long-term care facility resident. Additionally, the act directed that a long-term care facility resident, or a resident representative, may designate a primary essential support person who may visit the resident despite general visitations restrictions imposed on other visitors provided the primary or secondary essential support person comply with any rules directed in the act.

The Department is hosting an informational session on August 15, 2022, from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM. The TEAMS meeting information is noted below. If you would like to submit questions in advance, please direct your questions to Grisel Merced at [Grisel.merced@ct.gov](mailto:Grisel.merced@ct.gov). Please include in the Subject line: **Essential Support Person**. Every effort will be made to address your questions during the presentation. We look forward to seeing you on August 15th.



Phone: (860) 509-7400 • Fax: (860) 509-7543  
Telecommunications Relay Service 7-1-1  
410 Capitol Avenue, P.O. Box 340308  
Hartford, Connecticut 06134-0308  
[www.ct.gov/dph](http://www.ct.gov/dph)

*Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer*



Blast Fax 2022-31

Microsoft Teams meeting

Join on your computer or mobile app

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 262 702 885 817

Passcode: uyXt2q

[Download Teams](#) | [Join on the web](#)

Or call in (audio only)

[+1 860-840-2075, 357556656#](#) United States, Hartford

Phone Conference ID: 357 556 656#

[Find a local number](#) | [Reset PIN](#)

[Learn More](#) | [Meeting options](#)