

# Nursing Home Visitation Algorithm

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# Definitions



## Outbreak testing trigger:

- Resident case with nursing home-onset OR
- Staff case with that staff being present in the facility during their infectious period

Outbreak testing *must* continue until 14 days from most recent positive case among staff and residents.

**Affected unit** = any unit where there could be undetected asymptomatic spread.

- Unit where a COVID-positive resident resided at time of COVID-19 onset OR
- Unit where a COVID-positive staff member worked during their infectious period

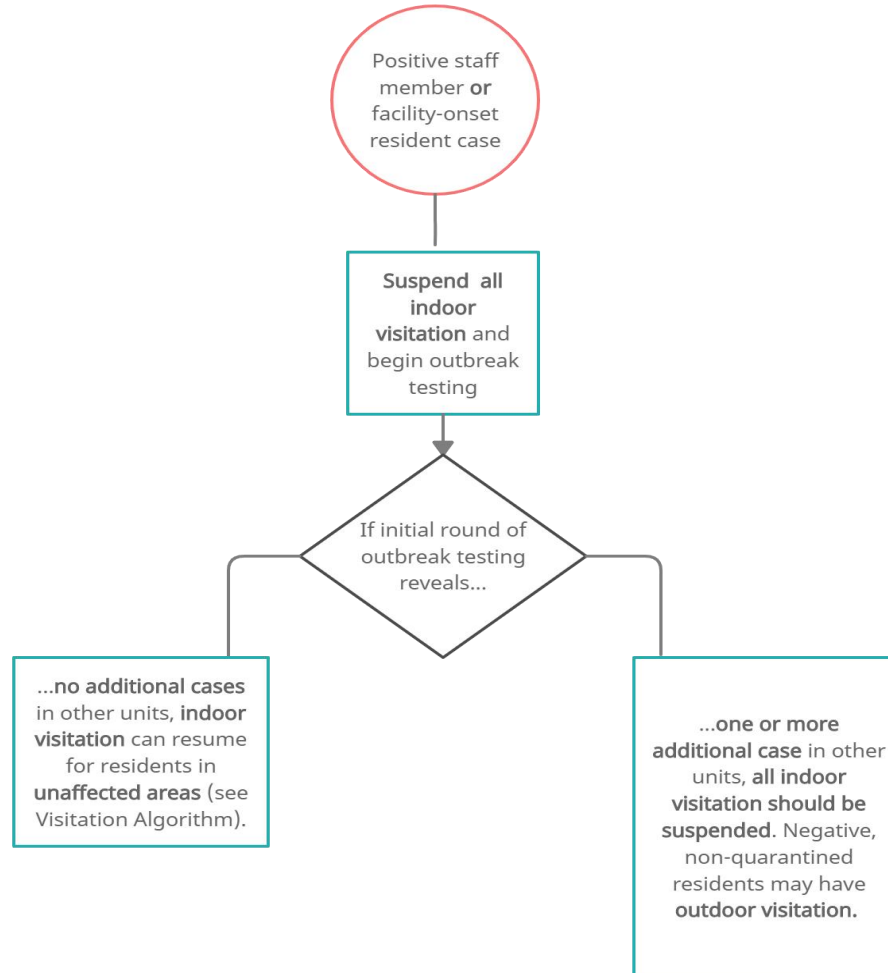
If the positive staff member worked on multiple units while infectious, any unit the staff member worked on during their infectious period is an affected unit.

**Unaffected unit** = any unit with no COVID-19 cases (staff or resident) identified during initial round of outbreak testing

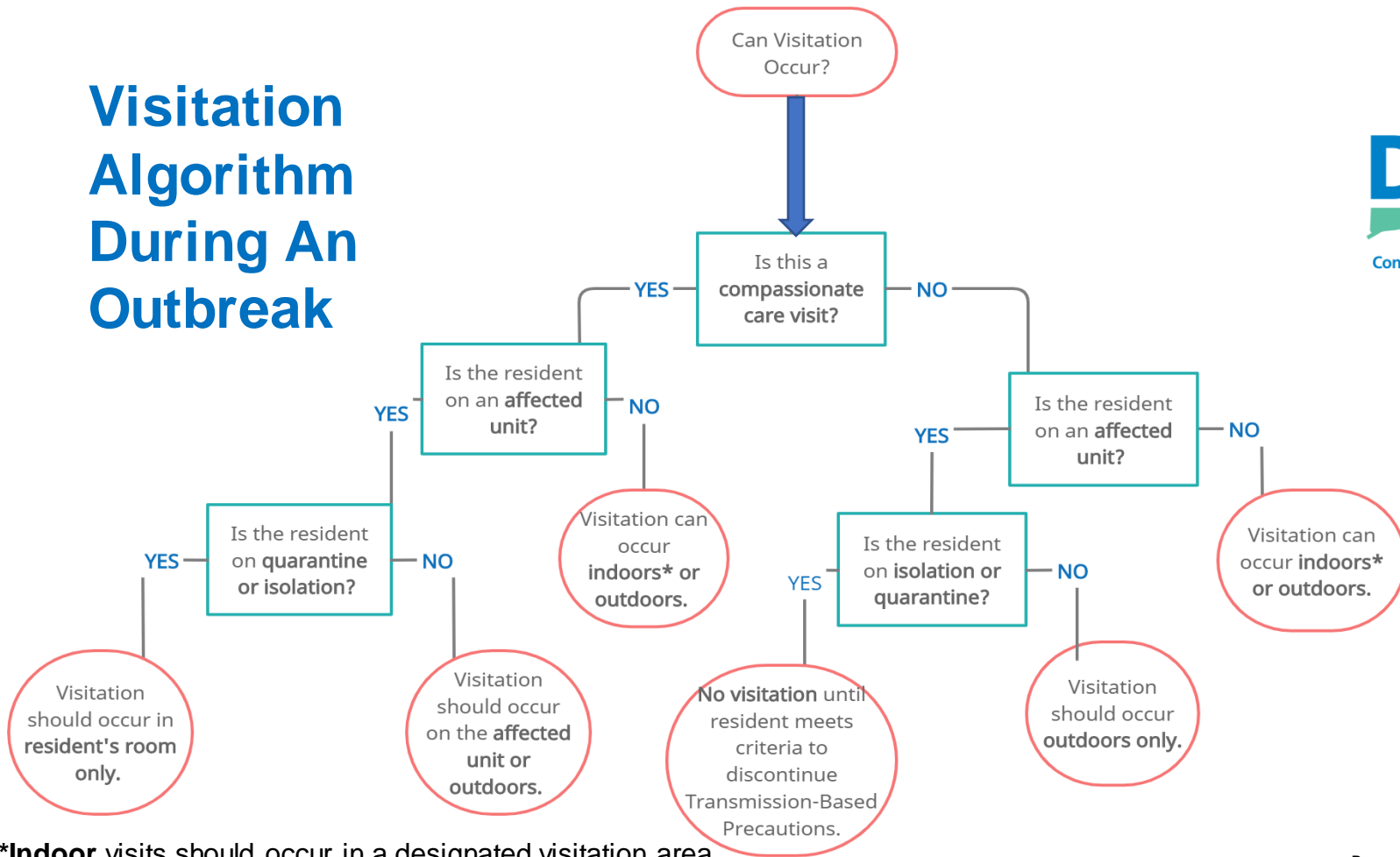
Facility leadership should read full details in CMS and CDC guidance

- CMS Visitation Guidance: [QSO-20-39-NH Revised](#)
- CDC IPC Guidance in response to COVID-19 Vaccination: [Infection Control After Vaccination](#)

# Initiating Outbreak Testing



# Visitation Algorithm During An Outbreak



\***Indoor** visits should occur in a designated visitation area or in the resident's room with no roommate present when possible