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UPDATES TO OUR VISITOR POLICY

The Albany VA Medical Center prioritizes the safety of our Veterans and staff. To help prevent the spread of COVID-19, visitation has been limited. Our current visitation policy is focused on balancing the needs & wellbeing of our Veterans.

The following instances permits one (1) visitor (family member, caretaker or responsible adult escort over the age of 18) **ONLY** at a time:

- **Compassionate Care - Hospitalized Veterans receiving End of Life Care whose death is expected in the near future**
- **Hospitalized Veterans with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities, & Veterans with cognitive impairments including dementia**
- **Essential & Critical to the Care of the Veteran** (visitation for this purpose must be essential to the care of the Veteran) including:
 - Accompanying a Veteran to an appointment when he/she is unable to transport themselves or on discharge that requires teaching of a skill the Veteran is unable to perform (e.g., wound care, etc.) or during the intake process and/or discharge process of a Veteran having same day procedure involving sedation.

Upon entering the facility, **all** visitors will be screened for signs & symptoms of COVID-19 including temperature taken as part of screening process. **If you screen positive for signs & symptoms, travel, and/or exposure to COVID-19 person(s), visitation is not permitted.**

Wear a Mask. Maintain Social distancing. Hand Hygiene frequently

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