



Policy Subject	Assisted Living Facial Coverings		
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Scope (Responsible Partners)

Moorings Park Executive Directors and Assisted Living Administrators are responsible for ensuring widest dissemination of the content of this policy and shall ensure all procedures are operationalized as described herein.

Objective

This policy provides guidelines set forth by Florida’s Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) on matters related to the wearing of facial coverings in assisted living for residents, visitors, and staff.

Policy

The resident has a right to wear a facial covering at their discretion. Residents will only be required to wear a facial covering at the direction of their healthcare practitioner/provider only when the resident is in a common area and is exhibiting signs or symptoms of or has a diagnosed infection disease that can be spread through droplet or airborne transmission. Residents will not be asked to wear a facial covering while in their personal residential apartment.

Visitor Requirements:

No visitor may be required to wear facial covering, unless it is required by a healthcare provider, if the visitor is:

- a. Exhibiting signs or symptoms of or has a diagnosed infectious disease that can be spread through droplet or airborne transmission,
- b. Is in an in-patient or clinical room with a patient who is exhibiting signs or symptoms of or has a diagnosed infectious disease that can be spread through droplet or airborne transmission, or

Is visiting a resident, whose healthcare provider has diagnosed the resident with or confirmed a condition affecting the immune system. The condition is known to increase the risk of transmission of an infection

from employees without signs and symptoms of infection to a resident. The resident's healthcare practitioner has determined that the use of facial covering is necessary for the resident's safety.

Opt-Out Procedure

Residents

1. Should a resident wish to not wear a facial covering, even when under the direction of their healthcare provider the resident will be allowed to do so. In the event the resident is exhibiting signs or symptoms of or has a diagnosed infectious disease and does not wish to wear a facial covering the resident may be asked to not attend activities or communal dining.

Visitors

2. Should a visitor wish to not wear a facial covering during the visit with a resident who under the direction of their healthcare provider is required to wear a facial covering alternative visitation method will be offered to the resident and their visitor. If the resident and visitor agree visitation without facial coverings this option will be made available to the visitor.

Employees

3. Moorings Park Institute and Moorings Park Home Health Partners will not be required to wear a facial covering unless the partner is:
 - a. Working with a resident whose healthcare provider has diagnosed the resident with or confirmed a condition affecting the immune system. The condition is known to increase the risk of transmission of an infection from employees without signs and symptoms of infection to a resident. The resident's healthcare practitioner has determined that the use of facial covering is necessary for the resident's safety
 - b. Working with a resident on droplet or airborne isolation, or
 - c. Engaging in non-clinical potentially hazardous activities that require facial coverings to prevent physical injury or harm in accordance with industry standards.