



From: Ferol Labash, CEO
Date: March 11, 2021
Re: CMS Guidance Re: Nursing Home Visits

Good morning,

We are excited to see that CMS has issued new guidance for nursing home visits. We are hopeful that this will soon result in happy reunions between our residents and their families!

Please be aware that Pinecrest cannot make any changes to our visitation guidelines until Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), the regulatory agency by which we are governed, updates their regulations.

From a memo we received from IDPH today, " CMS has just issued new guidance for visitation in nursing homes during the COVID-19 PHE, including the impact of COVID-19 vaccination:<https://www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-20-39-nh-revised.pdf> IDPH is currently reviewing the guidance and will updating their guidance soon. Illinois providers must continue with IDPH guidance until further notice. "

As soon as Pinecrest receives updated guidance from IDPH, we will notify our families with a postcard or letter, through Facebook and through the website. Historically during COVID, IDPH may take 2-3 weeks before they update their requirements based on new CMS recommendations. We are looking forward to seeing you again soon!