

Resident and Client Absences

(LTCHs and Transitional Programs)

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For all absences:

- ◆ The individual taking the resident/client out must pass active screening upon arrival to the home.
- ◆ All residents/clients must follow the proper “sign out” process for their home.
- ◆ Residents/clients will be provided with a surgical mask to be worn at all times when outside of the home and are reminded of Public Health measures.
- ◆ Residents/clients must pass COVID screening upon re-entry to the home. (Failed screening will result in testing and isolation based on the current directives.)

1. Medical Absences are absences to seek medical and/or health care.

- ◆ Visits less than or equal to 24 hours in duration do not require testing or self-isolation upon return.
- ◆ Medical visits including admissions to other health care facilities or multi-night stays in the emergency department do require testing and isolation (if applicable) upon return.

2. Compassionate/Palliative Absences include absences for the purpose of visiting a dying loved one. Homes must assess these on a case-by-case basis.

- ◆ Single day absences (less than 24 hours) do not require testing or self-isolation upon return. Overnight absences require testing and isolation (if applicable) upon return.

3. Short Term (day) Absences are less than 24 hours. Testing or self-isolation of resident is not required upon return. There are two types:

Essential absences: (*all residents/clients permitted*) include absences for reasons of groceries, pharmacies, and outdoor physical activity that are permitted. All individuals, regardless of their immunization status, can participate in essential absences, unless the resident is in isolation and on Droplet and Contact Precautions or as directed by the local public health unit.

Social Absences: (*only fully vaccinated residents/clients permitted*) include absences for all reasons not listed under medical, compassionate/palliative, and/or essential absences that do not include an overnight stay.

4. Temporary Absences (*only fully vaccinated residents/clients permitted*) includes absences involving two or more days and one or more nights for non-medical reasons. All temporary absences require a request to the home and approval from the home prior to the temporary absence. Isolation and testing is required after a temporary absence.

Outdoor exercise and walking on the property or neighborhood

Residents/clients who are not under isolation or symptomatic may leave the home to take a walk in the immediate area of the home, even if the home is in an outbreak, regardless of their immunization status.