

# MY LOVED ONES ARE VACCINATED. WHEN CAN I VISIT THEIR NURSING HOME?

It is so great that your mom, dad or other loved ones have received their COVID-19 vaccine. This is an important step toward protecting their health, achieving herd immunity and returning to normal life. CDPHE is committed to helping residential care facilities provide safe care in the least restrictive way possible and recognizes that the mental health of residents is equally as important as their physical health.

You can visit your loved ones inside when the positivity rate in your nursing home's county is less than 10%. In addition, if the positivity rate in your nursing home's county is more than 10%, and less than 70% of residents in the facility are fully vaccinated, then only residents who are fully vaccinated should receive visitors.

If your loved one is fully vaccinated, they can choose to have close contact (including touch) with you as long as they are wearing a well-fitting face mask and cleaning their hands before and after. Outdoor visitation is preferred when feasible. All visitation guidelines are outlined in the Comprehensive Mitigation Guidance ([covid19.colorado.gov/RCFmitigation](https://www.colorado.gov/RCFmitigation)).

Our experts are continually weighing the risks of easing visitation protections while working to keep vulnerable resident populations safe from COVID-19. This is why it's so important to get the vaccine when it's available to you and do what you can to slow the spread of COVID-19. The sooner we have more people vaccinated and fewer people getting sick, the sooner we can visit our loved ones without restrictions.

For now, nursing home staff, patients, residents, and visitors need to continue wearing a mask, washing their hands, and maintaining distance. Nursing homes must also continue to implement all current CDPHE mitigation guidance including weekly COVID-19 surveillance testing.

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