



It is the policy of the organization to provide The Victorian's residents with the opportunity to access outdoors following federal and state regulatory agency guidelines for transmission-based precautions during COVID-19 pandemic.

The purpose and objectives of this policy are to afford a safe environment for residents during approved outside access and to delineate the parameters for safe outdoor quality time for residents while maintaining infection control practices and transmission-based precautions instituted by regulations and other guidance related to COVID-19 pandemic mitigation efforts.

This does not permit non-employees (visitors, family members, friends) to utilize the outdoor space with the resident. The Victorian's Essential Visitor Policy and Procedure remains in effect and must continue to be enforced. Communal use of these spaces also continues to be prohibited.

Procedure – Safe Outside Access:

1. Only staff shall accompany residents outside of the building – no visitors.
2. Individual residents may independently walk outside of the building to exercise. Residents are to wear a mask during this time per community (state) guidelines.
3. Residents who chose to walk outside of the building in the designated areas need to inform a staff member that they will be outside walking.
4. Upon reentering the building, both residents and staff will wash their hands and continue to practice safe & good hygiene.
5. Residents must wear a mask during the entirety that they are outside of the building, including while in transport. (Residents are required to continue to wear a mask anytime they leave their room.)

Procedure – Outside Rides:

1. Scheduled rides are also facilitated, using one of the residence's vehicles driven by a staff member. These rides will be 1 resident per shift (i.e. 7am-3pm & 3pm-11pm) and shall typically be no longer than 1 hour in length.
2. Outdoor rides consist of "scenic driving". There is no stopping during the rides at stores or to go shopping. The Outdoor Rides are for residents to have the availability to get out of the building safely -- not for errands or tasks.
3. Outdoor Rides are coordinated *only* by the Activities director or by the Executive Director. Outdoor Rides are facilitated permitting staff availability and weather conditions.
4. Both staff and resident don proper PPE during the duration of the Outdoor Ride.
5. After each Outdoor Ride, the company vehicle used shall be disinfected thoroughly and logged with a date/time of when car was cleaned.