



Licensed Residential Holiday Protocol: Santa Barbara County

At OPTIONS, we understand the benefit of family gatherings and togetherness. We are committed to helping families stay connected. As you are aware, the current COVID-19 pandemic continues to be a great concern for our community, staff and vulnerable persons served. We have all had to compromise as we work together to protect one another. We thank you for your patience and cooperation during this challenging time.

Effective 11/16/20, our area has returned to the purple tier that requires the highest level of protective measures be taken. In addition, Governor Gavin Newsom and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) announced a limited stay at home order requiring generally that non-essential work, movement and gatherings stop between 10 PM and 5 AM in counties in the purple tier. The order will take effect at 10 PM Saturday, November 21 and remain in effect until 5 AM December 21. COVID-19 continues to pose a substantial risk to those in our community and our persons served. Although many enjoy gathering for the holidays, we must consider the safety of all. At this time, gatherings are strongly discouraged and considered a high risk activity.

Effective November 17, 2020, gatherings in Santa Barbara County have been prohibited through Health Order 2020-12.14. It is stated in this Order that, "A "gathering" is any event or convening that brings together people from different households in a single room or single space at the same time, such as an auditorium, stadium, arena, large conference room, meeting hall, cafeteria, or any other indoor or outdoor space, whether public or private"...and "Violation or failure to comply with this Order may constitute a misdemeanor punishable by fine of up to \$1,000, imprisonment, or both. (Health and Safety Code 101029, 120295 et seq.).

We at OPTIONS will be providing a nice holiday meal for persons served and will make the day festive. We encourage virtual meetings/visits/phone calls as the best way to connect at this time. We can also make arrangements for short (2 hr.), in-person, supervised visits with up to two people. Remember that staying home is the best way to protect yourself and others. To arrange a visit please contact Program Director, Fran Walker at (805) 674-6764.

If an in-person visit is deemed essential and approved, the visitor must follow screening and visitation procedures which are outlined in a visitation agreement for each county. Visitation requirements include but are not limited to:

- Signing a visitation agreement which outlines the guidelines for the visit
- Meeting outside (or in indoor, preapproved areas for non CCL programs)
- Wearing a mask properly at all times
- Maintaining at least 6 feet of distance
- Being supervised by staff, while maintaining a level of privacy

Any deviation from the state requirements and public health orders will result in an automatic 14-day quarantine period, which is very difficult for many persons served. Not all homes can accommodate quarantine due to shared rooms, limited bathrooms, staffing, etc. and the quarantine requirements may then fall upon the family to arrange prior to return to the facility. Absentee visits may be permitted if the facility can accommodate a necessary 14 day minimum quarantine upon return. Overnight/extended visits are not permitted while in the purple tier due to the high level of risk posed to others and the recent state mandated partial stay at home order.

We hope the current restrictive measure are effective to expedite our return to our normal lives. Again, we appreciate your cooperation in being mindful of the health and safety of our persons served.



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Santa Barbara County Visitation Agreement Updated 11.23.20

Celebrating virtually or with members of your own household (who are consistently taking measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19) poses the lowest risk for spread.

I understand that gathering or mixing multiple households poses a greater risk of spreading COVID-19 and in order to visit in a manner to maintain the health and safety of my loved one, as well as others with whom they reside, I agree to adhere to the following.

- The visit will include no more than one additional family/household as your gathering already includes two households (you and your OPTIONS served individual).
- Everyone present must follow the safety protocols – does not attend if they are not feeling well, wears a mask except while eating, stays 6 feet apart, and washes their hands frequently.
- It is strongly preferred your visit take place outside. Bathrooms may be used but must be sanitized between uses. If indoors, the visit must be in a large room with cross ventilation and open windows and doors. **At CCL facilities, visits may only take place outside while in the purple tier.**
- The visit must be short, limited to no more than two hours.
- Limit the number of people handling or serving food. Serve food plated vs. buffet style.
- Limit contact with commonly touched surfaces or shared items.
- It is strongly preferred that everyone present do not share items that cannot be cleaned, sanitized, or disinfected between use.
- I will notify OPTIONS if anyone attending develops symptoms within 14 days of the visit.

I understand that the requirements for the visit as outlined in this agreement must be strictly followed in order to ensure the health and safety of the persons served. If the plan is not followed as agreed upon, a 14 day quarantine period will be necessary. Absentee visits are permitted, however upon return a 14 day quarantine period will be necessary. If the home in which the person resides cannot accommodate, the quarantine requirements may fall upon the family to arrange and implement prior to return to the facility.

Name	Signature	Date

Upon return: I attest the above measures were followed.

Name	Signature	Date