How you and your team can arrange for safe visits

Everyone has a responsibility to prevent the spread of infection

Nursing home residents can now decide for themselves whether they want to receive visitors or not. We all have a responsibility to comply with the existing recommendations to prevent infection from entering and spreading within the nursing home – this applies to members of staff, as well as residents and visitors.

The importance of local procedures

The operations manager is tasked with developing local procedures to limit the spread of infection during visits. As a member of staff, you need to be aware of and implement these procedures in your everyday work.

A handy tip is to discuss the procedures and working methods at the nursing home with your team. The checklist named “Ordna för säkra besök på äldreboenden” (Arranging safe visits at nursing homes), issued by the National Board of Health and Welfare, can serve as an aid during these discussions.

Support the residents

As a member of staff, you need to inform the nursing home residents on how they can avoid contagion during visits, for example by not seeing many people at once and maintaining a physical distance. However, it is also important to remember that they are the ones who decide who they want to receive and how close they want to get to the visitor.

Please continue to facilitate contacts with friends and relatives in outdoor environments, or by telephone or video calls for those who wish to have these types of interactions.

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