**Vantage Group Inc.**

**Risk Notification for Residential Visitation**

**(effective June 2020)**

The purpose of this document is to review and acknowledge the risks associated with visitation related to COVID-19 (novel coronavirus).

COVID-19 has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. COVID-19 is extremely contagious and is believed to spread mainly from person-to-person contact. As a result, federal, state, and local officials recommend social distancing, masks, and have, in many locations, limited the congregation of groups of people.

In accordance with guidance issued from the State of Connecticut Department of Developmental Services, Vantage has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and will continue to follow all safety protocols issued by DDS, the Department of Public Health and the Centers for Disease Control Prevention.

Vantage is committed to helping individuals maintain relationships with family members and other important people in their lives. To this end, we have established the following visitation policies. These will remain in effect until further notice. At this point in time, we are asking that all visits be preplanned with as much notice as possible; preferably 48 hours for a day visit and 72 hours for overnight stays.

Onsite visits:

* Visitors may not enter the group home. However, visits may take place on the property (i.e. patio, back yard with social distancing of 6 ft.).
* Upon arrival, the visitor is to call the program. Staff will then assist the individual out of the house.
* Visitors will be asked to wear mask or appropriate face covering for the duration of the visit.
* Visitors will be screened for illness using the Visitation Screening Form and will have their temperature taken by a non-touch infrared thermometer. If the visitor’s temperature is 100.4 degrees or above, the visit will be canceled.

Offsite Visits:

* Prior to the offsite visit the Visitation Screening Form will be completed and faxed or emailed to the Program Manager.
* Upon arrival, visitor is to call the program and staff will assist the individual to their car.
* If staff is providing transportation to another location for the visit, staff will stay in the car and call stating that they have arrived. If needed, staff will physically help the individual out of the car.
* Visitors will have their temperature taken by a non-touch infrared thermometer. If the visitor’s temperature is 100.4 degrees or above, the visit will be canceled.
* Visitor will be given a contact tracing form to document places traveled with the individual during the visit. This form must be returned to the group home at the end of the visit.
* If an individual becomes sick while on a visit contact must be made to the group home immediately. Individual may not return to the group home until agency nurse is notified and medical directives have been given and followed. This may include visitor taking the individual to the walk-in clinic or hospital if warranted.

End of Visit:

* Staff will fill out a post visit questionnaire and collect the contact tracing form.
* All items will be placed into a plastic bag.
* Staff will take the temperature of the individual
* Once in the house, the items in the plastic bag will be sanitized, the individual will shower and change clothes. The clothes worn during the visit will be laundered immediately.

Vantage cannot guarantee that you or your loved one will not become exposed or infected with COVID-19 during the course of a visit. We will, however, make ever attempt to keep visits safe for all concerned.

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By signing this notification agreement, I acknowledge that I have been made aware of the Vantage COVID-19 visitation policy and agree to adhere to these guidelines.

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Signature of Parent/Guardian Date

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Print Name of Parent/Guardian Name of Individual