



December 11, 2020

Dear Bridgewell Family Members and Guardians,

As we continue to work through the current COVID – 19 surge the Commonwealth is experiencing we are updating our visitation guidelines.

The majority of cities and towns that Bridgewell has programs in are currently in the red zone. We are updating these guidelines to ensure the health and safety of those we serve and the staff that work with our individuals on a daily basis.

Effective Monday, **December 14<sup>th</sup>** Bridgewell's visitation guideline are as follows:

1. Any residential program in a **red zone** as determined by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts shall be restricted from all visitation. Currently those cities and towns that impact Bridgewell are: **Amesbury, Andover, Billerica, Chelmsford, Danvers, Dracut, Haverhill, Littleton, Lowell, Lynn Lynnfield, Melrose, Merrimac, Peabody, Salem, Salisbury, Saugus, Tewksbury, Topsfield, Wakefield and Westford.**
2. Any residential program **not currently in a red zone but experiencing a COVID positive at the residence, shall be restricted from visitation for the duration of the quarantine period.**
3. **For all other Bridgewell Programs or once a program is no longer in the red zone, visitation shall now be held on site at the residential program only.** There will be no sharing of food during these visits. Visitation will take place in the designated areas, limited to 2 visitors at a time and masks must be worn at all times and all other screen measures will be in place.
4. If there are extraordinary circumstances please contact your Residential Manager.
5. Bridgewell will regularly reevaluate is visitation policy.

As the holiday season approaches we know that this policy feels restrictive. During this time we will continue to facilitate video or zoom visits. It is our goal and I am sure yours that Bridgewell remain as free from COVID as possible.

Thank you for cooperation in ensuring the health and safety of all at Bridgewell.

Sincerely,

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Chief Operating Officer

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