



Our Lady of Peace

Call to Action

We understand that you are likely frustrated in regards to this week's changes to the nursing home visitation guidance. We are working to obtain further details on this issue but are awaiting more clarification from the Department of Health. In the meantime, we encourage you to call the Governor's office and explain the situation that you and your loved ones are facing due to the State's approach to visitation.

Call the Governor's office TODAY and tomorrow and urge the State to take a more reasonable approach to family visitation in nursing homes.

The Governor's office can be reached at this phone number: **1-518-474-8390**.

We encourage all to speak from the heart and explain what your experience and frustrations have been, but we also recommend that you use the following talking points to inform your phone calls:

- Due to your overly strict rules on visitation in nursing homes, I have not seen my loved one since [REDACTED].
- Now in order to visit, I must provide proof of a negative COVID-19 test result repeatedly.
- These repeated tests are not readily accessible to me and will be cost-prohibitive.
- Nursing home residents have endured months of isolation from the people they love most and are experiencing emotional distress.
- I urge you to reconsider this guidance and find a more balanced approach that considers not just the risks of COVID-19, but also the emotional isolation residents are feeling.

Thank you in advance for your participation in advocacy.