



In-person Meeting Outdoors/Outside the Home During COVID-19

When it has been a mutual agreement between the consumer/family and Service Coordinator (SC) to meet in-person outdoors and outside the home, these outdoor visits should have prior approval of the SC's supervisor.

To ensure health and safety of the consumer/family and SC during COVID-19 pandemic, the following will be observed:

1. The meeting will be held in an open area location, such as a park or front yard/porch, etc., where more than 6 feet physical distancing will be observed at all times.
2. Attendees such as consumer, family member, support staff, SC, etc., are required to wear and keep on at all times the following: mask or face covering, and face shield or eye goggles.
3. No handshakes or fist bumps.
4. Avoid touching face.
5. Have a hand sanitizer handy to practice frequent hand hygiene when soap and water is not available.
6. For consumers who live in care homes, consumer will take a shower and change clothes when he/she returns to the care home. Clothes will be washed separately.
7. VMRC staff will take a shower and change clothes when he/she returns home. Clothes will be washed separately.

When the above strategy has been observed, the consumer who lives in a care home does not have to be isolated.

Risk stratification: the more precautions done, the lower the risk of getting COVID-19. Virtual meeting is lower risk than in-person meeting. Wearing mask, face shield/goggles and staying more than 6 feet away in an open area while having an in-person meeting outside the home poses lower risk of acquiring COVID-19.