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ECH Visitation Guidelines* as of July 10, 2021

Skilled Nursing:

The New York State Department of Health (DOH) issued new visitation guidance on July 9, 2021. Per the guidance, the Episcopal Church Home's visitation policies are as follows, effective Saturday, July 10:

- Scheduling visits with residents is no longer required. Visitors may come to ECH seven days a week from 9am-8pm.
- All visitors will continue to be screened for symptoms and/or potential exposure to COVID-19, as well as have their temperature taken. For the purpose of potential contact tracing, we'll also need to document the visitor's name, address, telephone number, email address, and the date and time of the visit.
- ***All visitors must wear a mask covering their mouth and nose when entering the building.*** If a resident is on precautions, visitors are still allowed but must wear the appropriate PPE (i.e., gowns, gloves, face shields). ECH will provide these items as well as any assistance that is needed with donning and doffing.
 - If both the resident and their visitor(s) are fully vaccinated, and the resident and visitor(s) are alone in the resident room or designated visitation room, the resident and visitor may choose to have close contact (including touch) without a mask or face covering.
 - If the resident is fully vaccinated, they can choose to have close contact (including touch) with an unvaccinated visitor while both are wearing a well-fitting face mask, and visitor wearing a face shield, and performing hand-hygiene before and after.
- It is highly recommended that visitors be tested for COVID-19 prior to their visit or on the day of. ECH will continue to offer testing for any families who would like it.
- ECH requests that all visitors be vaccinated against COVID-19. Vaccination is requested, but not required. If you are having trouble getting vaccinated, let us know and we can help you get an appointment.
- If visitors do not meet all of the screening criteria, they may not visit. If visitors are unable to adhere to the core principles of COVID-19 infection prevention, they will be asked to leave and their visitation will be suspended.

- There is a limit of two visitors at a time per resident per visit to maintain physical distance as much as possible within the confines of the room or visiting area. Visitors should coordinate with other family members so that there is no overlap.
- The recommended time limit for visits is no longer than 2 hours.
- Per the guidance, families may visit their loved ones in their rooms if they have a private room.
- For those residents in semi-private rooms, there are designated visitation rooms for you to visit your loved one in (Room 200, Serenity Room, Lobby, Chapel). If your loved one, or your loved one's roommate is unable to leave the room due to physical or psychosocial reasons, the visit can take place in the resident's room. Visitors are to remain on their loved one's side of the room socially distanced from resident's roommate.
- The guidance requires limited visitor movement throughout the building. Visitors must go directly to and from the resident's room or visiting area. However, visitors may bring their loved ones outdoors if the resident chooses and weather permits. Visitors must go directly to the outdoor area, and then directly back to the resident's room.
- Visitors must maintain a social distance of six feet from anyone other than their loved one (i.e., other residents' visitors and staff).
- Visitation will not include eating together (unless they are dining outside).
- Compassionate care visits will be allowed at all times, regardless of the resident's vaccination status, the county's COVID-19 positivity rate, or an outbreak. Again, if the resident is on isolation precautions, visitors must wear the appropriate PPE during their visit.
- Virtual visits may still be scheduled on Thursdays by contacting Jessica Kelley at (585) 546-8439 x3432. Virtual visits should be reserved for those family members who live out of town and are unable to visit residents in person. We highly encourage visitors to use their own technology (cell phones, tablets, laptops) to Zoom or FaceTime with loved ones whenever they wish, as well as to include out-of-town relatives during their visits.

*All guidelines are subject to community positivity rate.

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