



## Assisted Living Visitation Guidelines Updated March 9, 2022

The New York State Department of Health (DOH) issued new visitation guidance on March 3, 2022, for assisted living. All guidelines are subject to change per the Department of Health and the community positivity rate. Per the guidance, Episcopal SeniorLife Communities' visitation guidelines for assisted living are as follows:

- Visitors may visit seven days a week; there are no set visitation times. There is no limit to the number of visitors a resident can have at any one time, nor the frequency or length of visits for residents.
- We request that all visitors are fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Vaccination is requested, not required.
- All visitors will continue to be screened for symptoms and potential exposure to COVID-19, and have their temperature taken. For the purpose of potential contact tracing, we will continue to document each visitor's name, address, telephone number, email address, and the date and time of the visit. If visitors do not meet all screening criteria, they may not visit.
- ***All visitors must wear a mask covering their mouth and nose when entering the building and in common areas.*** If a resident is on isolation precautions, visitors are permitted to visit but must wear the appropriate PPE (i.e., gowns, gloves, face shields) while in the apartment. The community will provide these items and offer any assistance necessary with donning and doffing.
- We ask visitors to postpone visiting their loved ones if they are not feeling well for any reason.
- Visitors may visit with loved ones on the grounds or in common areas. However social distancing should be maintained between other residents, visitors, and staff members.
- 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.
- Visitors who do not adhere to visitation guidelines and the core principles of COVID-19 infection prevention (i.e., handwashing, donning appropriate PPE, social distancing) they will be asked to discontinue their visit and further visitation may be impacted.