



ECH Visitation Guidelines* as of June 15, 2023

Skilled Nursing:

Per the New York State Department of Health (DOH) guidance, Episcopal Church Home's visitation policies are as follows, effective June 15, 2023

- Scheduling visits with residents is no longer required. Visitors may come to ECH seven days a week, preferably during the hours of 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.
- Based upon the latest community transmission levels and status of COVID cases at the Episcopal Church Home, masking is now optional throughout the buildings, with a few exceptions:

Masks and Physical Distancing are always required when:

-Visitors are experiencing any respiratory or GI Symptoms symptoms*

-Visitors have had close contact with someone with COVID in the last 10 days*

*If you are experiencing respiratory symptoms and/or have had a COVID exposure, you should strongly consider deferring non-urgent visits until symptoms are gone, or until 10 days after exposure.

- 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.
- 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.

- Two visitors are preferred 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 minimal overlap.
- Visitors are encouraged to bring their loved ones outdoors if the resident chooses and weather permits.
- Visitors ARE allowed in the dining rooms – You MUST be masked (over nose & mouth) at all times regardless of vaccination status during **HIGH** level of community transmission (only).
- Visitors must maintain a social distance of six feet from anyone other than their loved one (i.e., other residents' visitors and staff).
- 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 Patti Cummings at (585) 546-8439 x 3710. Virtual visits should be reserved for those family members who live out of town and are unable to visit residents in person. Or for those that are unable to visit their loved one due to COVID precautions. 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 transmission rate, ECH Outbreak Status and Department of Health guidance