



Ascension

Visitation Guidance

We are welcoming indoor visitation at all times and for all residents as permitted under new [Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services \(CMS\) regulations](#). We will continue to notify you in the event of a community COVID-19 or influenza outbreak so that you are aware of the risks associated with visitation at that time. We strongly encourage all Ascension Living residents, participants and guests to receive a COVID-19 vaccine and booster.

We request that all who enter our community follow these guidelines for the safety of our residents, participants, guests and associates. As stated above, CMS states that there are still risks associated with visitation and COVID-19, including severe illness and hospitalization. All visits should be conducted in a manner that does not increase the risk of infection to our residents.

- Visitors must follow the core principles of infection prevention to stop the spread of COVID-19. This includes hand hygiene, wearing a well-fitting face mask, and physical distancing from staff and other residents.
- Regardless of vaccination status, residents should wear a mask when not eating or drinking unless they are in their own rooms alone or with their roommate.
- Visitors will need to wear face coverings or masks when around other residents or healthcare personnel, regardless of vaccination status.
- We ask that all visitors go directly to the resident's room or designated visitation area. There are situations when visits cannot be conducted in the resident's room. Our receptionist will be able to inform you where the visit will take place, so please check in at the front desk before continuing into the community for your visit.
- While the COVID-19 transmission level is high in our area of the country, it is recommended that visitors planning to see their loved ones be tested for COVID-19 before coming to the facility (e.g., within 2-3 days).
- The number of visitors in an apartment/visitation space should allow for physical distancing.
- Unvaccinated newly admitted, readmitted or exposed residents are to quarantine for 14 days.
- Vaccinated residents who are exposed to a COVID-positive person will be tested according to Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), state and local health department requirements.
- Visitors are required to comply with the community's policy during visits for the safety of all involved. If the visitor refuses to follow our visitation policy, the visit may be ended.