

ST ANNE'S RETIREMENT COMMUNITY END OF LIFE (EOL) VISITOR GUIDELINES

EOL visits will occur in designated rooms on first floor and on second floor based on whether the resident is in a green, asymptomatic yellow, symptomatic yellow or the red zone.

Nursing Administration and the Physician will determine the appropriateness of a resident for EOL visits. Our Medical Director will be involved as necessary.

Each resident may have 2 visits/day with up to 2 visitors at each visit. Each visit may be up to 2 hours.

CDC Guidelines including face masks (covering the mouth and nose at all times), social distancing (6ft) and frequent hand washing should be followed. SARC will provide a surgical mask if a visitor does not have one. There are no other face masks allowed while at SARC.

In our green zones, visitors must wear a face mask at all times and a face shield is recommended. We will offer face masks and face shields to visitors. When the visit is over, please drop the mask and shield in the designated receptacles at the front door. Visitors must wear gloves if there is contact with a resident (ie assist with meals).

If a resident is fully vaccinated, the resident may choose to have close contact with a visitor (such as a hug). The resident should perform hand hygiene before and after the contact.

For visits in our symptomatic, asymptomatic and red zones, visitors will need to wear full PPE (personal protective equipment) for the visit. This will include face mask (based on CDC guidelines and SARC's COVID-19 status), face shield, gown and gloves.

If at any time a visitor becomes COVID-19 positive or has a COVID-19 exposure, they must immediately inform SARC. SARC will need to evaluate for staff and resident testing and contact tracing.

If visitor has an underlying condition or illness putting them at higher risk for COVID-19, please consider NOT visiting. Please check with your physician prior to scheduling a visit

Visitors will need to adhere to St. Anne's Retirement Community's (SARC) COVID-19 Testing requirements as set forth by federal and State guidelines for frequency of testing. At this time, there are no requirements for visitor testing. SARC will inform visitors if our testing requirements change.

Visitors will be required to sign in, complete the screening form, have their temperature taken before and after each visit as well as hand sanitize before a visit can occur. Visitors will need to hand sanitize frequently during and again at the end of the visit. An assumption of risk and liability release must be completed prior to a visitor's initial visit.

The bathrooms located by the receptionist desk will be available for visitors. No other bathrooms are to be used.

During a visit, if there is a need for a staff member, please use the call bell system to request staff. Visitors do not leave the room or approach the nurse station.

When the visit is concluded, visitors must go directly to the front reception desk and get their temperature taken and exit the building. They are NOT to go anywhere else in the facility.