

COVID-19 Visitation Guidelines

These child-centered guidelines were developed with the consideration of your child's/young adult's physical, mental and psychological wellbeing and quality of life, while recognizing the necessity to protect and reduce the risk of transmission of the virus to your child, your family and the Elizabeth Seton Children's Center team members who care for your child/young adult. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines emphasize the importance of maintaining infection prevention practices, as outlined below, and always encourage outdoor visits, such as on our playground or Harmony Garden, depending on weather conditions and the resident's medical condition.

Visits are from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. daily with exception of "Compassionate Care" visits.

Before and upon your arrival

- **If you have a positive test for COVID-19, symptoms of COVID-19 or currently meet the criteria for quarantine, you will not be able to enter the children's center or visit.**
- New York State Department of Health requires visitors to have received a negative test result one day prior to visitation for antigen (rapid) tests and two days prior to visitation for PCR tests. All visitors may use either PCR testing or antigen (rapid) testing upon arrival. If you do not have a negative result prior to your visit, you will test on the first floor of Elizabeth Seton Children's Center. For visitors who visit multiple days, including a visitor who comes every day, proof of negative testing is required as often as feasible, at a minimum every third day.
- Check in with security when you enter *and* exit the building.
- Before entering the lobby, clean your hands using the sanitizer provided, take a hospital-grade mask and secure the mask on your face **covering both your nose and mouth.**
- Take your temperature at the kiosk stand and complete the electronic visitor CDC recommended health screening questionnaire.

During and after your visit

- **Wear the provided hospital-grade mask at all times during your visit; masks must cover both your nose and mouth.**
- Keep at least six feet from other residents, visitors and team members unless they are helping you to care for your child/young adult.
- Masks must be worn by all visitors regardless of age or vaccination status including on the playground and/or when outdoors with your child or other residents.
- Please be mindful, the CDC's definition of an exposure risk is if a person is unmasked for more than 15 minutes cumulative in a 24-hour period. Therefore, eating or drinking in the presence of your child/young adult is discouraged.
- Stay in your designated visiting area with your child and do not to go to other floors.
- If your child is unable to leave their shared room due to isolation precautions, visitation will be accommodated with appropriate PPE (mask, gown and gloves).
- If your child is on "Modified Precautions," visits are **only** in their room or on the neighborhood.
- Call your child's pediatrician if you develop COVID-19 symptoms or test positive after your visit.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping everyone safe. We encourage you to do your part in the fight against COVID-19 by getting vaccinated and boosted. Together, we are #ElizabethSetonChildrensStrong!

If you have questions regarding visitation, please contact your social worker:
Sunset Park, Marine Park, Oakland Beach and Bryant Park Noemi Rivera (914) 294-6238
Riverside Park, Ellis Island, Cranberry Lake and Belvedere Castle Cindy Singh (914) 294-6310