

October 8, 2021



Dear Residents, Family and Friends,

We continue to appreciate your support during the Public Health Emergency and look forward to the day when this is behind us. As most of you are aware, several Public Health Orders came out recently related to mandatory vaccinations for health care workers in both hospital and long term care service areas. Additionally, a Public Health Order came out on Sept. 28 that mandates vaccines for workers in Senior Residential Service areas as well. Eskaton is committed to the well-being of our employees, residents and guests and is complying with the current Public Health Orders.

**Skilled Nursing Communities and Residential (RCFE) Communities:**

All employees in both our Skilled Nursing communities and Residential Living communities are required to have an FDA approved COVID 19 vaccine or have filed an approved religious or medical exemption as directed by the Public Health Orders.

All communities continue to screen employees, visitors, and residents for signs and symptoms of COVID 19 and request that if you plan to visit and become ill, that you postpone your visit until you are well. In addition, as stated in our previous letter, we require proof of vaccination or a negative COVID 19 test (completed within the past 72 hours) for indoor visitation. Outdoor visitation does not have this requirement.

**Affordable Housing Communities:**

We continue to screen visitors and staff at our Affordable Housing communities and ask that you postpone your visit if you are showing signs or symptoms of illness. In addition, we are following all federal, state and local health department guidelines for face coverings, distancing and hand hygiene. Please check with the community you are visiting for up to date visitation guidance.

**All Communities:** We continue to provide Indoor, Outdoor and Virtual visitation at all communities. Vaccination status does not prevent visitation to any community. Essential visits will continue as they have been and all current COVID 19 guidance and regulations regarding visitation and infection prevention will remain. Visitation requirement may be amended by local public health authorities at any time due to an outbreak and we appreciate your understanding and flexibility in these cases.

With appreciation,

Eskaton Leadership