

On April 27, the CDC released relaxed public health recommendations for vaccinated persons in health care settings. Two weeks later, on May 13, the CDC released additional relaxations for vaccinated persons in the public. Most notably, these relaxations guide when face coverings and social distancing must be used.

These updated guidelines apply to fully vaccinated persons only. At Saint John's, because a strong majority of residents are fully vaccinated, we have elected to apply this guidance across campus. As such, in response to these long-awaited updates, Saint John's is announcing these changes:

## **Group Events and Dining**

Beginning **June 1**, Saint John's will no longer enforce the use of face coverings during events and will allow close contact. Likewise, Saint John's will no longer enforce the use of face coverings while eating in the Bistro or, upon its reopening, Taylor's. Individuals may still choose to wear face coverings. Unvaccinated residents are strongly encouraged to wear face coverings except when seated to eat.

Residents may bring shared snacks to events such as floor gatherings or concerts on Saint John's Plaza.

Please note Saint John's still expects face coverings to be worn at all other times in common spaces, such as elevators and hallways while moving about campus. This updated guidance simply allows residents the freedom to remove their face covering once at an event, or once seated in a dining venue.

## **Saint John's Employees**

All Saint John's employees, regardless of vaccination status, will continue to wear face coverings while interacting with residents or in public spaces. Fully vaccinated employees may dine in the Bistro and dine with residents in the care neighborhoods.

## **Visitation**

We continue to strongly encourage all visitors to be vaccinated. We welcome visitors of all ages. All visitors, regardless of vaccination status, will continue to be screened at the Resident Service desks for fever and other symptoms of COVID-19. All visitors above age two, regardless of vaccination status, should wear a well-fitting face covering and physically distance from others while in public or common areas.

Saint John's does not limit the number of visitors a resident may receive. However, we require all visits occur in each resident's apartment, room, or on the Plaza. Visitors will be directed to walk as directly as possible from their point of entry to the apartment, room, or the Plaza.

In circumstances when both the resident and all his/her visitors are fully vaccinated, residents and their visitors can choose to have close contact (including touch) and to not wear face coverings while in the resident's apartment, room, or on the Plaza.

Fully vaccinated Shore Holders (members of our waitlist) and overnight guests will be welcome to attend events and to dine in the Bistro; proof of vaccination is required.