

Easthampton Council on Aging and Enrichment (ECOAE)

Covid-19 Precautions

January 11, 2021 - February 28, 2022

Please understand that the safety of our participants and clients is the number one priority. In partnership with the Easthampton Public Health Department, the ECOAE has made a plan that allows our center to take a cautious approach by implementing a few COVID-19 restrictions (please see below). We know that these restrictions will limit some indoor activities & events. It is important to keep in mind that they are not permanent.

*A mask mandate will stay in effect for Staff, participants and volunteers in the COA Center and on Transportation until further notice. All shall wear snug-fitting masks that cover their mouths and noses while utilizing the ECOAE Center and transportation. Staff, participants and volunteers are urged to wear KN95 masks or similar. The COA offers a limited supply of masks. If you cannot wear a mask for medical reasons, please contact the ECOAE at 413-527-6251 to discuss an accommodation.

Anyone with symptoms of Covid-19 or any illness should stay out of the center, not use our transportation, and get tested.

Covid testing is available, weather permitting, at Millside Park, located at 2 Ferry St. in Easthampton:

Monday - 8:30 AM- 12:30 PM (closed on MLK Day, 1/17/22)

Tuesday - 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Wednesday - No testing

Thursday - 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Friday - 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Saturday - 10 AM to 2:00 PM

To sign up for the Millside Park location, please visit:
<https://book.curative.com/sites/34189>.

Accessing a Covid-19 rapid test kit: we may be able to help. Call for more information. Note that as of Saturday, January 15th, private insurance should begin covering a certain number of rapid test kits.

*All participants and clients will be required to fill out a visitation log-in sheet or sign into My Senior Center before an activity or event begins. This will help our department with contact tracing if a situation occurs.

Participant maximums

BUILDING CLOSED TO IN-PERSON GROUP ACTIVITIES THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2022.

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<https://easthamptoncouncilonaging.us18.list-manage.com/subscribe/post?u=ecf88938b3cad5c4528a4a961&id=ccc8a5381e>

1. Main Floor: When open to the public, the ECOAE will continue to limit capacity of the main floor room as determined in consultation with the Health Department including the Lounge and Billiards area, plus staff, for activities/events.

2. Fitness Room: **FITNESS ROOM (GYM) CLOSED THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2022 (this may be modified as conditions permit).** First

come, first serve when open. If an accommodation is needed, contact the ECOAE at 413-527-6251.

3. Lower Level: When open to in-person activities, the lower level space capacity is back to pre-Covid max.

Outreach Appointments

Appointments will be temporarily remote when possible through February 28, 2022. SHINE and Fuel Assistance appointments must be in-person. Call 413-527-6151 for more information.

Dining

There will be no onsite meals until further notice. Participants will be prohibited from bringing food into the center.

*The Highland Valley Elder Services “Grab and Go Meals” program will be on hiatus until March 2nd. After March 1st, weather permitting, meals will be offered every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 11am-12pm at 50 Payson Avenue (City Hall) until HVES ends the Covid-era Grab and Go program.

Transportation and Covid Precautions: Until Further Notice

We will take the following safety precautions for passengers to reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19 during transport to and from homes, facilities, and other settings. We will communicate in advance to staff, and to people and their caregivers using transportation services, how they can best protect themselves during transport. The following safety precautions shall

apply to all individuals using Easthampton Council on Aging (“ECOAE”) transport:

1. Individuals using ECOAE transportation (“Participants”) shall be up-to-date on vaccinations for Covid-19 to utilize multi-participant rides. We strongly encourage all who can receive a booster to get one. See <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/stay-up-to-date.html> for more information about staying up to date.
2. The ECOAE will provide Participants who are not up to date on their vaccinations with a single-participant ride or single-household ride for an accompanying caregiver or family member.
3. Participants who are required to quarantine or isolate for COVID-19 shall not use ECOAE transportation services until their quarantine or isolation is complete. See <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/quarantine-isolation.html> for information about quarantines and isolation.
4. If they have not already done so, at ride confirmation, Participants inform the transportation scheduler of their vaccination status.
5. Participants using multi-participant rides shall either provide proof of vaccination (i.e. show a vaccination card) to the ECOAE driver at the time they are picked up by ECOAE transportation or provide proof of vaccination to the ECOAE in advance in one of several ways. Call 413-527-6151 for more information. If you have lost your vaccination card, visit <https://www.myvaxrecords.mass.gov/>
6. All Participants shall wear snug-fitting masks that cover their mouths and noses while utilizing ECOAE transportation. Wear masks that protect yourself as well as others. We urge you to wear a well-fitting N95, KN95, or KF94 mask. Cotton masks and surgical masks do not provide enough protection. Ask the COA or the City Health Department for a better mask if you need one. If you cannot wear a mask for medical reasons, please contact the ECOAE at 413-527-6251 to discuss an accommodation.