

Visiting Patients with COVID-19

Visiting Patients with COVID-19 is Risky and not Encouraged.

We encourage visitors to remain closely connected to their loved ones through virtual means, including Skype, FaceTime, and/or phone.

Safety is our top priority

Any visit with a patient who has tested positive for COVID-19 poses a risk of you getting COVID-19.

Exposure and length of time exposed to someone who is COVID-19 positive can increase the risk of you and others getting COVID-19. If you are visiting a patient with COVID-19 who is in isolation, the following safety precautions are in place:

- A screening process that requires each visitor to have their temperature taken and answer a set of required questions.
- Hours of Visitation INPATIENT – 2-4 PM , 7 days a week
- Emergency Department - One visitor (person) will be allowed during the patient's ED visit. This person must be the same person throughout the visit. For COVID positive patients visitation may be restricted per the physician's order.
- Patients may have up to 2 visitors a day - one at a time with one switch out allowed within a 24 hour period.
- Visitors must check in and out from their visitation at the Main Lobby Information Desk.
- Visitors are allowed during the day and overnight.
- When visiting a patient who is receiving continuous high-risk procedures or treatments, you will not be allowed in the room while the treatment is ongoing, even if it lasts a few days. *
- Personnel Protective Equipment (PPE) will be provided during the visit. Please be aware that COVID-19 is very transmissible and regardless of PPE there is a chance you may contract the virus.

**including, but not limited to: High low oxygen, breathing treatments, and others.*

We will not allow Visitors who:

- Are under the age of 18, unless approved by hospital administration.
- Have a medical condition that prevents them from being able to appropriately wear a mask.
- Refuse to be screened prior to entry.
- Have a temperature or who answer yes to any of the screening questions.
- Refuse to properly wear a face mask (covering your mouth and nose), eye protection, and gown and gloves while in the patient's room.
- Do not follow guidelines for visitation including required infection prevention protocols
- Are visiting a patient who has a no in-person visitation order placed by the attending physician. When the patient's attending physician has restricted visitation, you may not visit. This determination made by an attending physician is valid for not more than five days after the date the determination is made unless renewed by an attending physician. In the event this restriction is in place, daily communication to the authorized individual the patient has identified will occur. Communication will include the patient's condition and estimated date and time of discharge.

PLEASE NOTE: We welcome you to the hospital, however, if you are unable to follow the safety procedures that keep you, our patients and healthcare personnel safe, you will be asked to leave and no longer visit.

Visiting COVID-19 Positive Patients in Isolation:



We require that you properly wear a face mask (covering your mouth and nose), eye protection, gown and gloves while in the patient's room. We have trained personnel to help you.



We will provide you with appropriate personal protective equipment - do not share your mask, face shield, gown and gloves among family members.



For your protection, do not eat or drink while in the patient's room.



Wash your hands frequently, at minimum upon entry to the hospital as well as entry and exit of the patient's room. Wash you hands before and after putting on mask, gown, gloves and eye protection.



Limit touching any surfaces and follow social distancing guidelines.



We ask that you restrict your movement within the hospital and limit your visit to only the patient's room you are there to see. For your safety and the safety of others, avoid going to other locations in the facility such as the cafeteria.

Visitors who are at high risk for severe illness from COVID-19, such as older adults and those with underlying medical conditions, are strongly discouraged from visiting.