

Facility Visitor

Guidelines

• Visitors aged 18 and older will be allowed in the hospital under the following circumstances:

- A single designated caregiver will be allowed to visit in the patient's room from 8am-8pm
- One visitor per patient will be allowed at the bedside during ED visits; this must be the same person throughout the ED visit. The 8am – 8pm visitation guidelines will not apply in the ED unless the patient is admitted. If the patient is admitted to the hospital, the 8a-8pm guidelines will apply.
- Overnight visitation/stays will not be allowed
- Waiting rooms will not be open
- One identified single designated caregiver per day per patient will be allowed
- A single care giver can accompany non-COVID patients on the day of procedure.
- End-of-life:
 - In extraordinary end-of-life situations, **non-COVID-19 patients** will be limited to two adult visitors at a time (for a maximum of one hour). COVID-19 positive patients or Patients Under Investigation (PUI) will be limited to one visitor only (for a maximum of one hour). Exceptions may be considered on a case-by-case basis and must be approved by hospital administration.

Other circumstances may be considered on a case-by-case basis and must be approved by hospital administration.

We hope this change in policy will allow you to spend quality time with your family members. Although a patient is allowed to have a different caregiver each day, we **STRONGLY** recommend that you maintain one caregiver designated to visit each day. It is imperative we partner together to continue to take precautions to keep our patients and community safe.

Guidance for Visitors & Single Designated Caregivers who meet the exceptions list:

- Must be 18 years old or older.
- Must pass the screening at the designated entrances which includes:
 - *No COVID-19 symptoms per CDC guidelines
 - *Have not traveled to infected areas with COVID-19 in the past 14 days
 - *Have not been in contact with someone with COVID-19 in the past 14 days
- Must frequently wash their hands, limit interactions with others, practice social distancing, are restricted to only the locations designated by the facility, and must limit time outside of the patient's room.
- Will be required to wear a cloth face covering mask during their hospital visit per CDC and CMS guidelines. If a visitor or single designated caregiver does not have a mask, the facility will provide one.

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

Visitors will not be allowed:

- For COVID-19 positive or Patients Under Investigation (PUI) including dedicated COVID-19 hospital units.
- Exceptions may be considered on a case-by-case basis and must be approved by hospital administration.
- Based on community prevalence and facility space considerations, slight variations may exist at the hospital.

Until the COVID-19 pandemic has subsided:

- Healthcare workers, visitors, and patients with fever, cough, sore throat, or other COVID-19 like symptoms are not permitted in any area of the hospital, unless seeking care.
- Anyone who has traveled to high-risk areas for COVID-19 or had contact with a person known to be infected with COVID-19 in the past 14 days are not permitted to visit any area of the hospital, unless seeking care.
- All patients and approved visitors are requested to wear a mask while in the hospital.
- Staff will escort patients to and from appointments if needed. Friends/family will drop patients off and pick them up from the front lobby.