

VISITOR POLICY

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- **Emergency Room**
 - One support person per patient upon approval of physician
- **Physician Office (2nd floor)**
 - One support person per patient
- **Pediatric Patients**
 - Two parents per patient
- **Inpatient**
 - In general, visiting hours will be from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m.; however, exceptions may be granted for unique situations.
 - One visitor per patient per day will be allowed (no visitors for COVID positive and PUI patients).
 - Collaboration of patients and visitors are encouraged to determine who will visit on which days.
 - Visitors must proceed directly to the patient room and, upon leaving, directly to the exit with a hospital staff member.
 - Visitors must stay in the patient room unless instructed by staff.
 - If more than one visitor should appear in a patient's room, the unit personnel are to ensure only one visitor per day. Additional visitors are not to stay on premises.
 - In general, visitors should use the bathroom facilities in the patient room they are visiting.
- **Surgery**
 - If an outpatient surgery visitor fails screening, surgery may be rescheduled.
- **Visitors must wear their own masks with the understanding they are to wear it for the duration of their visit. Visitors will be offered a hospital supplied mask if the mask they bring is not usable or if they do not have access to their own mask.**
- **Visitor Screening**
 - All visitation is dependent on passing the entrance screening.
 - Visitors who are sick will not be permitted to enter the hospital; this is without exception.
 - Visitors will be screened and provided a sticker with screening date.
 - Visitation stickers are always to be worn and visible.
 - Visitors are to check out with the screening staff upon departure.
- **Visitors must stay 6 feet from patient when feasible. Visitor seating should be placed strategically to try and achieve this.**
- **Clergy who plan to visit more than one patient will be instructed to perform hand hygiene upon exiting one room, and upon entering the next room. If they plan to touch the patient for prayer, they must wear gloves before contact. Gloves are to be removed and hand hygiene is to be performed prior to exiting that room. (More instructions can be provided to clergy if needed by Lucy Dunnagan, DON or Cynthia Terry, IP).**
- **Exceptions can be made for visitation during end of life situations per nursing services.**