

## Interim Visitor Restrictions & Guidelines during COVID Pandemic

**Effective midnight 8/27/21**



### Visiting Hours:

Monday through Friday 7:30am-6pm Outpatient Entrance

Saturday/Sunday 1pm-6pm Main Entrance

- Visitor restrictions will be adjusted to accommodate our patients and prevent the spread of COVID-19 and other seasonal respiratory viruses. Please note that these guidelines are subject to change.
- **COVID POSITIVE – NO VISITATION**
  - Alternate visitation method should be used – phone call, face time, etc.
- **NO VISITATION** by anyone **under the age of 18** unless they are the parent or legal guardian of a pediatric patient.
- **Acute / Emergency / Maternity / Outpatient** - No more than **2 visitors at one time** in private, non-COVID patient rooms.
- **Geriatric Psych** patient visitation is at the discretion of the Director.
  - Alternate visitation method should be used – phone call, face time, etc.
- **TCU** will allow scheduled visitation in accordance with ODH guidelines.

### Visitor responsibilities:

- **No COVID-19 positive visitors** or symptomatic individuals awaiting test results will be permitted to visit patients.
- Visitors must be screened upon arrival.
- **Hand hygiene** must be done on arrival and throughout their time in the building.
- **Visitors must remain masked at all times while visiting.** Patients and visitors may provide their own mask or will be required to accept and wear the mask provided by the hospital. Masks or facial coverings must fully cover the nose and mouth.
  - If visitor refuses to wear a mask, the visitor will be asked to leave the facility.
  - Mask exemption: individuals who are unable to wear a mask due to health or disability. This exception is not accepted for inpatient visitation.
- Visitor must **stay in the room** with the patient.
- The hospital reserves the right to engage security personnel for any visitors unwilling to comply with visitor restrictions.

### EXCEPTIONS to the above restrictions may be used in the following situations:

- **Visitors** for surgical patients may be permitted to stay later as agreed upon with clinical care team on **day of surgery only**.
- **End of life situations for COVID-19 positive patients** - additional requirements apply
  - Visitation must be limited to one person at a time. Any additional visitors must wait outside the facility until their turn to see the patient.
  - Visitor must wear appropriate PPE in accordance with hospital policy (mask, face shield, gown, & gloves).
  - Staff to provide instruction, before visitors enter patient's rooms, on hand hygiene, limiting surfaces touched, and use of PPE according to current facility policy while in the patient's room.
  - Visitors may not be present during aerosol generating procedures or specimen collection procedures.
  - Visitors should be instructed to only visit the patient's room. They should not go to other locations in the facility.