

Interim Visitor Restrictions & Guidelines during COVID Pandemic

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Visiting Hours:

In an effort to promote family-centered care, individuals may visit hospitalized patients between the **General visitation hours of 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.**

All children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

NOTE: Maternity, Pediatrics, ICU, Geriatric Psych, and Transitional Care have unit specific guidelines.

Visitor restrictions will be adjusted to accommodate our patients and prevent the spread of COVID and other seasonal respiratory viruses. Please note that these guidelines are subject to change. The hospital reserves the right to engage security personnel for any visitors unwilling to comply with visitor restrictions.

Visitor responsibilities:

- Visitors **must not enter** the building or you will be asked to leave if:
 1. You are sick with signs of COVID or other respiratory-like illnesses.
 2. You have had a positive COVID test or close contact to someone with COVID in the past 10 days.
- **Hand hygiene** must be done on arrival and throughout time in the building.
- **Visitors must remain masked at all times while visiting.** Masks 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.

Exceptions to general visitation are as follows:

- **Geriatric Psych** patient visitation is at the discretion of the Director.
- **TCU** will allow scheduled visitation in accordance with ODH guidelines.
- **Infectious COVID positive patients**
 - **Limited in-person visitation** to be determined on a case by case basis. (i.e. End of life, safety risk, advocacy)
 - Alternate visitation method should be used – phone call, face time, etc.
 - 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.