

### **VISITOR POLICY DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

Due to the evolving situation with COVID-19, the visitor policy is revised, effective **May 4, 2020** (12:00 a.m.) at all facilities.

**No visitors will be allowed into the hospitals or clinics** except under the following special circumstances:

1. One parent or guardian for pediatric patients, at any time, for the duration of the patient's stay or surgery. The parent or guardian must be the same person at all times.
2. One caregiver for rehabilitation patients when training for transfer home, during the last 5 days of patient's stay only. The caregiver must be the same person at all times.
3. One birth partner for patients in labor, at any time, in the L&D unit only. The birth partner must be the same person at all times.
4. Nursing supervisor may coordinate limited (1 or 2 person) visitation with family, or individuals designated by the family (e.g., spiritual), for any patient expected to be within less than 12 hours of end of life.
5. One caregiver to accompany an adult patient to and from surgery. The caregiver will be allowed to stay with the adult patient until the patient is taken into surgery per standard protocol. Once the adult patient goes into surgery the caregiver will be asked to leave the hospital. The caregiver will be contacted to return to pick up the patient when the patient is ready for discharge.
6. One caregiver to accompany a patient to a clinic appointment if the patient needs physical assistance by the caregiver for movement and mobility.

All special circumstance visitors will be required to wear a surgical mask at all times while in the facility. Visitors are encouraged to bring their own surgical masks, but if not, one will be provided upon arrival.

All special circumstances visitors will be screened before entering the facilities and will not be allowed in the facility if they have a temperature of 100 degrees or above, or any other symptoms of influenza-like illness. The patient may identify an alternative visitor who meets all requirements.

Special circumstances visitors will be considered on a case-by-case basis for COVID-19 positive patients and Person Under Investigation (PUI) patients.

Virtual visitation through Facetime and similar options is encouraged and may be facilitated for patients on a case by case basis.

With the limitation of visitors, it is expected that the patient's attending physician, surgeon, or designee will contact the patient's designated family member or surrogate decisionmaker at least daily, and upon completion of surgery, with updates on the patient's care.