

**EMERGENCY ROOM, CDU, HOSPITAL INPATIENT AND OUTPATIENT SURGERY
COVID-19 VISITATION POLICY
Tier 1 (Less Restriction)**

Purpose:

To help ensure a healthy and safe environment for patients, staff and our community during the COVID-19 pandemic, visitation will be limited. Virtual visitation is encouraged.

Policy:

Patients are permitted to have up to **two (2) designated** visitors throughout their stay during the designated visiting hours of 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Visitors must be screened **upon entering the building** and **may be asked to leave if screening indicates the potential for a COVID 19 infection.**

Visitors must sign in and out. They will be issued a visitation pass.

Visitors must stay in the patient's room **as much as possible** while in the facility.

Designated visitors for obstetrical and pediatric patients and patients with cognitive impairment are allowed to visit outside of designated visiting hours.

Visitor(s) will be selected by the patient, the patient's decision maker, or appropriate hospital staff if a decision maker is not available. **Visitors must wear a procedure or cloth mask at all times while in the hospital** as determined by the circumstances described below.

Visitation by confirmed, probable or symptomatic persons is not allowed, except if the patient is in an end-of-life situation. **Visitor must visit alone and wear a procedure mask at all times.**

Visitation of a confirmed, probable or PUI COVID patient is only allowed for pediatrics and in an end of life situation. End-of-life visitation is allowed for a limited period of time, generally not to exceed 1 hour. While visiting patients, visitors are required to wear **to wear appropriate PPE, including a procedure mask, eye protection, gown, and, gloves. If the patient is receiving an aerosolizing treatment, visitors are required to wear a N95, gown, and gloves.** Visitation of a confirmed, probable or PUI COVID obstetrical patient requires Infection Prevention review and approval. PPE for visitors of a confirmed, probable or PUI COVID patient will be located in the CRN office. Visitors will be asked to sign the informed consent form, *Consent to Visit COVID Positive Patient*.

Visitors under 18 will not be allowed.

HOSPITAL OUTPATIENT DIAGNOSTIC AND PHYSICIAN OFFICE VISITS

Purpose

To help ensure a healthy and safe environment for patients, staff and our community during the COVID-19 pandemic, **visitors will not be allowed in these locations.**

An attendant may accompany a patient with a demonstrated need, such as patients who are minors or those with cognitive or physical limitations.

Procedure

Attendants screening positive will not be allowed to accompany the patient and will be asked to leave their cell phone number and wait in their car while staff assist the patient. Staff will call the attendant after the visit and will deliver the patient to the appropriate entrance for pickup. **Staff must wear appropriate transport PPE.**

Attendants screening negative will be given a "Pass" and **must wear a cloth mask until leaving the hospital or clinic entrances.**

Designated waiting areas within each outpatient service area will be provided for children **who cannot be left at home alone safely and must accompany a parent to an outpatient visit.**