

VISITATION GUIDELINES in lieu of COVID-19

The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and the potential for new variants such as Omicron along with the current influenza season will complicate the upcoming winter months; therefore, it is essential for GMC to optimize all available effective outbreak control interventions; including visitor restrictions:

1. For private rooms, allow one family member per day.
2. For semi-private rooms, allow one family member per day.
3. Visitors not allowed for patients who are being r/o for COVID 19 until results available.

For the specific population listed below, expanded visitation guidelines allowed, regardless of COVID 19 county positivity rate.

1. *Pediatric patients – 2 visitors per day*
2. *Patients in labor and delivery – 2 visitors per day*
3. *NICU & PICU patients - 2 visitors per day*
4. *Patients at end-of-life – 2 visitors per day*
5. *Patients with physical, intellectual, and/or developmental disabilities and patients with cognitive impairments – 2 visitors per day*
6. *Students obtaining clinical experience - allowed*
7. *Surgery patients – 2 visitors per day*

❖ **All persons entering the facility must present:**

- **Identification** (DL, Senior ID, passport) and:
- A **valid negative Covid-19 test result** collected within **24 hours** (PCR or Antigen test); regardless of vaccination status.
- Exceptions may only be made based on the State Public Health order.

- ❖ All visitors must be screened for fever and Covid-19 symptoms and be asymptomatic for Covid-19 and not be suspected or recently confirmed case (within prev. 2 weeks)
- ❖ All visitors must wear a face cover upon entry and other PPE as appropriate while in the patient's room.
- ❖ Visitors should not walk around in hallways and must go directly to and from the patient's room.
- ❖ Community visitors will not be permitted to the hospital's cafeteria for the sole purpose of dining.
- ❖ Duration of visitation has to be determined on a case by case basis.

We recognize that this is an extraordinary situation locally, nationally and globally and thank you for your support of these measures as a way to keep our patients, visitors, employees and community safe.

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