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Updated Visitor Policies

in response to the Coronavirus

GENERAL PATIENT VISITOR RESTRICTIONS

- 1. All visitors are restricted from visiting inpatients, outpatients, and emergency room areas.**
 - i. Visitors who have had, or remain in, close contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19 should not visit and instead seek care from a healthcare provider.
 - ii. No community visitors will be permitted to enter or wait in any/all areas of the hospital including, but not limited to, lobbies, waiting areas, common spaces, cafeteria, chapel, restrooms, and/or any other area within the care location.

- 2. Exceptions to these restrictions may be made in specific circumstances (such as end-of-life care and labor and delivery, including professional support person or postpartum helper) only with prior approval from:**
 - i. Hospital Administration
 - ii. The Infection Control Team

- 3. When deemed necessary based on “compassionate grounds” at the request of the patient and in coordination with the infection control team and hospital administration, or for labor and delivery:**
 - i. All visitors must check-in at the front desk by patient access or security staff and either wash their hands or utilize hand sanitizer prior to entering the facility.
 - ii. Visitors presenting flu-like symptoms, included but not limited to fever, cough, and trouble breathing, should not visit and report their symptoms to a healthcare provider.
 - iii. Visitation is limited to one visitor per patient, who must be 18 years of age or older. Hospitalized children may have both parents present as visitors, as clinically indicated.
 - iv. These restrictions also apply to infants and siblings.

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VISITOR RESTRICTIONS SPECIFIC TO COVID-19 CONFIRMED PATIENTS OR COVID-19 PATIENTS UNDER INVESTIGATION (PUI):

1. Visitors to COVID-19 Confirmed Patients or COVID-19 PUI must be approved by:

- i. Hospital Administration
- ii. The Infection Control Team

2. For all approved visitors to COVID-19 Confirmed Patients or COVID-19 PUI:

- i. Visitors must wear full and appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), consistent with clinical personnel.
- ii. Visitation is limited to one visitor per patient.
- iii. Visitor must not be ill.

Policies are subject to change.

REFERENCES

Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, Information for Healthcare Professionals:
Current Interim Guidance – <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/hcp/index.html>

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