

Inpatient Visitor Guidelines

We have made temporary changes to our visitor policy for the safety of our patients, staff and the community. We will continue to adjust as needed during the pandemic. We believe family and loved ones are an extension of a patient's care team and play an important role in health and healing. We ask for your help in abiding by our visitor policy so we can continue to safely allow visitors.

Who can visit?

Inpatients who are not COVID-19 positive may have **one visitor at a time** during their hospital stay.

What are visiting hours?

Visiting hours end at 6 p.m. Entry A (main entrance) closes at 5 p.m. Visitors may exit after 5 p.m.

Guidelines while visiting

- Visitors will be screened for symptoms and COVID-19 exposure upon entry. Anyone with symptoms or high-risk exposure will not be allowed to visit.
- Visitors are required to wear a surgical mask at all times in the hospital, including in patient rooms. If a visitor does not have a surgical mask, one will be provided.
- One visitor is allowed at a time. **Additional visitors are asked to wait outside the hospital for their turn to visit.** Waiting rooms are closed or limited at this time.
- Visitors should wash or sanitize their hands frequently, including before, during and after visiting.
- At this time, visitors are not allowed to spend the night.
- For the safety of all, visitors are not allowed for patients who have tested positive for COVID-19, are under investigation for COVID-19 or undergoing aerosolizing procedures.
- Clergy will be permitted to visit members of their parish during visiting hours if the health screening requirements are met.
- Visitors under the age of 14 are not allowed.
- Patients with disabilities such as altered mental status, physical, intellectual or cognitive disability, communication barriers or behavioral concerns, who need assistance from a support person due to the specifics of their disability will be permitted to have such an individual with them. Support persons will be required to comply with safety measures as directed by the facility.

What about calling the hospital?

You may call the unit for patient updates. One family member should act as a spokesperson to maximize the time the nurse can provide patient care. Please avoid calling between 6:30 and 8:30 in the morning and evening because this is our change of shift time.

Contact Information

You may call a patient room directly by calling 785-295-8 plus the room number.

For Intensive Care rooms 1-17, call 785-295-8168.

For Intensive Care rooms 18-25, call 785-295-8190.

These guidelines are designed help the nursing staff provide high-quality patient care for your loved one. Please talk with your care team if you have questions and/or concerns about your loved one's stay.