



COVID-19 Visitor Restrictions Amended April 7, 2020

Thank you for your understanding and your assistance to keep everyone safe!

Effective immediately, visitor restrictions will be strengthened to protect our patients and further prevent the spread of COVID-19.

- **Outpatient & Ambulatory Care Centers**

- For a patient coming for a surgery, procedure or office visit: limit (1) visitor/support person in the building.
 - No visitors under the age of 18.
 - No visitors for confirmed or suspected COVID-19 cases.
 - No visitation allowed by persons are awaiting COVID-19 test results or required to be in quarantine.
 - Exceptions:
 - “End of Life” situations
 - Minor patients (<18 years old) may have two (2) visitors, but this is limited to only parents or guardians. Only one parent/guardian may be present at a time.
 - Patients who require assistance due to mobility, reorienting/confusion (patient safety), interpretation, court-ordered, or healthcare decision making may have one (1) additional assistance person.

- **Hospitals & Emergency Departments**

- For hospitalized and emergency department patients:
 - **Visitors are no longer allowed**
 - Exceptions:
 - Maternity patients: One (1) support person.
 - One (1) person allowed to accompany a patient having major surgery on day of surgery and one day after surgery.
 - “End of life” situations
 - Minor patients (<18 years old) may have two visitors, but this is limited to only parents or guardians. Only one parent/guardian may be present at a time.
 - Patients who require assistance due to mobility, reorienting/confusion (Patient Safety), interpretation, court ordered, or healthcare decision making may have one (1) additional assistance person.
 - No visitors for confirmed or suspected COVID-19 cases unless the patient meets the above criteria.

- **Visitor Screening**

- All visitors to hospitals will be screened for symptoms and travel or exposure history.
- Visitor screening is also being done at selected community ambulatory facilities.
- Visitors will be asked to leave the facility if they have had symptoms in the past 24 hours or exposures in the last 14 days.
- If the visitor is a driver for a patient, they will be asked to wait in their car until the patient’s appointment is completed.
- Visitors must wash their hands, or use hand sanitizer, before and after leaving rooms and hospital buildings.

The above COVID-19 Visitor Restrictions are effective immediately.

COVID-19 visitor restrictions will be rescinded when the state of emergency declaration is lifted for the State of Ohio.