

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COVID-19 visitor restrictions will be rescinded when the state of emergency declaration is lifted for the State of Ohio.