

HOSPITAL

INTERIM PATIENT VISITATION POLICY

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POLICY: **This policy temporarily replaces RI 44 A**

Visitation of family members and or caregivers will be limited to no more than four hours per day per patient, on the Non PUI or Non COVID LTACH units between **11:30 AM - 1:30 PM** and **4 PM - 6 PM**. All visitors must be 18 years or older except in rare exceptions as determined by the hospital. The visitation hours are for both weekdays and weekends with no exceptions.

Visits are limited to one person at a time.

SCOPE:

This policy applies to the long-term acute care hospital.

RESPONSIBILITY:

It is the responsibility of Hospital Police, Front Desk staff, Nursing, Patient Care Unit staff to ensure compliance with this policy.

PROCEDURE:

1. Upon entry into the facility, the visitor reports to the Front Desk, signs in and is issued a pass by Hospital Police.
2. As required by the Department of Health, visitors must provide their full name, address, and telephone information. The facility is required to maintain an electronic file with the name of the visitors, time and date of visit and their contact information.
3. Visitors are required to perform proper hand sanitizing techniques. Hospital Police will provide them with a mask that must be worn during the entire visit.
4. Visitors will be subject to symptom and temperature checks upon entering the facility. Visitors will be denied entry if they report significant COVID-19 exposure or symptoms during the prior 14 days or have a temperature over 100 degrees Fahrenheit.
5. Visitors are strongly discouraged from visiting patients who are at high risk for severe illness from COVID-19. This includes patients who are older adults or with an underlying medical condition.
6. Before entering the room, unit Nursing staff may ask visitors to wait or be declined visitation, in the two bedded rooms, in order maintain proper social distancing from other visitors and patients already in the room (I.e. roommate already has a visiting family member).

7. Before entering the patients room, Infection Control or unit Nursing staff will provide visitors with appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) which must be worn as recommended by the CDC and the New York State Department of Health. They must also perform proper hand hygiene.
8. Visitors who fail to agree to wear a mask and other PPE will be asked to leave the facility immediately.
9. Based on what we know now, those at high-risk for severe illness from COVID-19 are:

- People 65 years and older
- People who live in a nursing home or long-term care facility
- People of all ages with underlying medical conditions, particularly if not well controlled, including:
 - People with chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma
- People who have serious heart conditions
- People who are immunocompromised
 - Many conditions can cause a person to be immunocompromised, including cancer treatment, smoking, bone marrow or organ transplantation, immune deficiencies, poorly controlled HIV or AIDS, and prolonged use of corticosteroids and other immune weakening medications.
- People with severe obesity (body mass index [BMI] of 40 or higher)
- People with diabetes
- People with chronic kidney disease undergoing dialysis
- People with liver disease

10. As alternatives to visiting, family/ caregivers can continue to engage in virtual calls.

Handouts will be distributed by screening staff that will provide visitors with information from CDC on the following:

- How to prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID 19.
- How to perform proper hand hygiene
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), which includes mask, gloves, gowns, and shields.
- How to follow proper respiratory hygiene and cough etiquette (e.g., covering mouth and nose with a disposable tissue when coughing or sneezing) in the event an individual develops respiratory symptoms while visiting the facility.
- Maintain social distancing during the visits.

Health care providers should thoroughly discuss the potential risks and benefits of the visitor's presence at the bedside with both the visitor and patient, if possible.

11. Patients with COVID 19 or on precautions for COVID 19 will not be allowed visitation. Front desk staff will remind visitors to stay in the patient room throughout the visit except during aerosol-generating procedures, and may not circulate in the hospital.

References:

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-at-higher-risk.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fspecific-groups%2Fhigh-risk-complications.html

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/non-us-settings/hcf-visitors.html>

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Visiting Hours

Sunday – Friday

11:30am – 1:30pm

4:00pm – 6:00pm

VISITOR PASS

- **One adult visitor is allowed at a time**
- Visitors less than 18 years old are not permitted
- Please do not visit if you have fever, cough or cold
- You must wash your hands or use hand sanitizer
- You must wear a face mask during the entire duration of the visit
- If clinically indicated, appropriate PPE must be worn (gowns, gloves etc.) before entering the room
- Must remain in the room during the entire visit
- Must maintain social distancing (6 feet apart)
- **Must exit the building once visiting hours have ended**

Visitors in violation of not complying with their responsibilities or guidelines will have their visitation privilege suspended

PLEASE RETURN PASS TO FRONT DESK BEFORE LEAVING THE BUILDING

Horario De Visita
Domingo – Viernes
11:30am – 1:30pm
4:00pm – 6:00pm

PASE DE VISITA

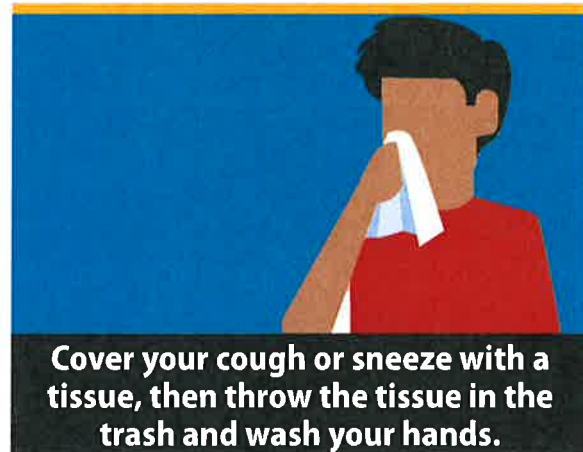
- **Se permite un visitante adulto a la vez**
- Los visitantes menores de 18 años no estan permitidos
- Por favor, no visite si tiene fiebre, tos o resfriado
- Debe lavarse las manos o usar desinfectante de manos
- Debe usar una mascarilla facial durante toda la duración de la visita
- Si esta clinicamente indicado, debe usar EPI (vestidos, guantes,etc) antes de entrar en la habitación
- Debe permanecer en la habitación del paciente durante toda la visita
- Debe mantener el distanciamiento social (es decir, 6 pies de distancia)
- **Debe salir del edificio una vez que las horas de visita han terminado**

Los visitantes que se encuentren en violación de no cumplir con sus responsabilidades o directrices tendran sus privilegios de visita suspendidos

- **POR FAVOR, DEVUELVA EL PASE A LA RECEPCION ANTES DE SALIR DEL EDIFICIO**

Stop the Spread of Germs

Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.



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