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COVID-19

New Hospital Visitor Policy to Reduce the Spread of Coronavirus

All visitors entering NYC Health + Hospitals/Kings County must complete a COVID-19 screening (exposure, symptoms, and temperature).

Cleared Visitors: the following is required for entry:

- Visitors must be at least age 12-years-old, except for exceptions permitted by approved facility representative.
- An approved mask and additional personal protective equipment (PPE) as appropriate to the patient's condition or diagnosis(es)
- Proof of full vaccination which may include booster when eligible -OR negative COVID-19 PCR test or lab-performed antigen test within 48 hours prior to the first visit and each new visit after 24 hours thereafter.
- Exceptions for a visitor who is not up-to-date with COVID-19 vaccination and does not have a negative COVID-19 test require approval by an approved Kings County representative, who will review and assess if the visitor will be allowed entry for a limited number of visits.
- Visitation exceptions are determined on a case-by-case basis and can include:
    - Medical necessity including patients with Intellectual and/or Developmental Disabilities (i/DD) and patients with cognitive impairments including dementia; Acute trauma; Active labor; End-of-life; Pediatrics

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Unit	Time	# Visitors	Other Considerations
D2N D2S D4N D4S D6S D7N	4-hour maximum, between 1pm -6pm	2 visitors each day, one person at a time	
NICU (D5N)	Flexible	1 person at a time	
Pediatrics	Flexible	2 parents each day, only 1 may remain 24 hours	
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D3N D3S	30-minute visitation between 1pm – 6pm	2 visitors each day, one person at a time	
D7S	If permitted, 4-hour maximum, between 1pm -6pm	If permitted, 2 visitors each day, one person at a time	Visitation on this floor is on a case-by-case basis
Labor and Delivery		2 visitors including a doula if requested.	Special ID band required. See also exception guidelines.
Labor and Delivery OR/ Recovery room		1 support person	Special ID band required. See also exception guidelines.
D5S	10am -8pm	2 visitors each day, one person at a time	Special ID band is not sufficient for visitation. Postpartum and Antepartum visitors must screen upon entry to the main hospital and follow in-patient visitation guidelines **including** proof of up-to-date vaccination or negative COVID-19 PCR or lab-performed antigen test.
Same day procedures			A visitor may accompany the patient to the hospital but may remain only in the designated waiting areas for the patient's discharge. No visitors permitted in Non-L&D recovery rooms.
Behavioral Health inpatient units	In-person visitation in the Behavioral Health inpatient units is by appointment only. Appointments are made by the unit clerks.		
Behavioral Health Comprehensive Psychiatric Evaluation Program (CPEP)	In-person visitation for pediatric patients only, unless exception criteria is met.		
Emergency Department	In-person visitation in the Emergency Department is suspended at this time, with the exception of medically necessary visits.		
Ambulatory Care	Up to 2 companions including an aide may accompany the patient. Companion(s) will step out of examination room if an aerosol generating procedure is performed.		