

Hospital Entrances

Beginning July 1, 2020 the main entrance will open for our staff, patients, and visitors. Everyone entering the building is required to wear a mask. Once the temperature kiosks are in operation everyone will need to screen for temperature checks.

Cancer Care entrance will remain open only to the cancer/infusion clinic patients and Cardiac Rehab patients. No staff is to enter through the Cancer Center doors at this time.

Visitor Policy

GENERAL GUIDELINES

I. General Visitation Guidelines (Applicable to All)

- This policy applies to visitation of patients, not general visitation to the hospital (e.g. Vendors, volunteers, other administrative activities)
 - i. Outside vendors considered essential to patient care (Chaplains at End of Life, nursing home screeners, etc.) are not included as visitors
- Visitors must be screened and masked at all times
 - i. If Screening is Positive, Visitation is not Permitted
 - ii. Temperature kiosks will be at entrances with instructions and a list of questions related to symptoms
- Visiting hours will be from 12pm to 7pm daily during this time
- Visitors must enter through designated entrance
- Visitors should apply hand sanitizer upon entry and departure from the facility and patient rooms
- Visitors must be over the age of 18
- Visitors must obtain and wear the visitor badge upon entering and exiting the building. Visitor badge will have name and date placed on it
- Social distancing requirements to be maintained
- No visitation for PUI or COVID(+) patients unless other criteria met (e.g. Patient is expected to expire within 24 hours)
- Inpatient visitors must remain in patient room
- Visitors may not travel to common areas such as cafeteria, gift shop, etc.
- Adult inpatients who are admitted may designate one consistent visitor throughout their stay during visiting hours.

- Clinical staff may request visitor not be present in areas with limited space
- Local epidemiologic and supply factors can override this policy at anytime

II. Visitor Screening

- Have you had symptoms of COVID-19 in the last 5 days such as new fever, cough, shortness of breath, or loss of taste/smell?
- In the last 2 weeks have you or someone that you have been in contact with been tested for the COVID-19 virus and/or tested positive for the COVID-19 virus?

ADULT GUIDELINES

III. Adult Patient Visitor Exception (To Below Specifics) Considerations (Approval per Unit)

- Deaf/Blind Patients
- Low Mental Capacity (such as Dementia, Autism, Severe Cognitive Delays/Impairments)
- Significant Mobility Limitations
- Critical Conversations (e.g. Goals of Care, New significant diagnoses with patient specific concerns)
- End of Life
 - i. 2 visitor at one time will be allowed to visit - Immediate family only
- Significant change in clinical condition or increased level of care
- Prior to or after significant procedural/clinical events (requiring sedation)
- Specific discharge teaching or instructions that cannot be handled during routine visitation times

IV. Adult Inpatient Visitation

- 1 consistent visitor permitted per day from 12pm to 7pm
 - i. Visitors must obtain and wear the visitor badge upon entering and exiting the building, only one pass per patient per day
 - ii. Admissions will start off each day with a sticker per room and then when the sticker is gone, they automatically know there are no other visitors and staff will know if the person does not have a sticker, they are extra or did not check in and need to be sent back downstairs or out.
 - iii. Visitor must stay in the patient room the entire time, once they leave the room they must exit the building

- Exception guidelines will remain in place at other times

V. Adult Outpatient Procedural

- **1 visitor may accompany patient**
- Visitors are able to escort patients to the pre-procedure waiting area
- Once the patient is taken to the outpatient area then the visitor must either accompany the patient to and remain in the room, or leave the building until summoned back
- Individuals accompanying surgery patients will be directed by surgical/procedural staff regarding where to wait for updates after the procedure

VI. Adult Outpatient Diagnostics

- No visitors will be allowed to accompany patient except per exception guidelines

PEDIATRIC GUIDELINES

VII. Pediatric Patient Visitor Exception

- Deaf/Blind Patients
- Low Mental Capacity (such as Dementia, Autism, Severe Cognitive Delays/Impairments)
- Significant Mobility Limitations
- Critical Conversations (e.g. End of Life, New significant diagnoses with patient specific concerns)
- Significant change in clinical condition or increased level of care
- Prior to or after significant procedural/clinical events (requiring sedation)

VIII. Pediatric Inpatient Units

- 2 approved visitors per day at bedside (parents or legal guardians) with 1 staying overnight
- Visitation is 24 hours/day
- COVID-19 + or Person under Investigation (PUI) are allowed 1 parent or legal guardian at a time to stay in the room at all times, the visitor must be masked at

all times, meals will be provided

IX. Pediatric Ambulatory

- 1 visitor (parents or legal guardians) are permitted with each patient visit
- 1 Visitor is able to escort patients to the pre-op waiting area until patient is taken back for procedure at which time the visitor will be directed to the appropriate waiting area
- Once the patient is taken to the outpatient area then the visitors must either accompany the patient to and remain in the room, or leave the building until summoned back
- Individuals accompanying surgery patients will be directed by surgical/procedural staff regarding where to wait for updates after the procedure

X. Pediatric Outpatient Diagnostics

- 1 visitor (parent or legal guardian) is permitted with each patient visit

XI. Obstetrics - Maternity & Infant Child Center

- Visitation Permitted: 1 approved visitor for all patients at bedside, no switching out of visitors will be permitted
- Overnight Visitation Permitted: 1 approved visitor
- No visitation for COVID-19 + or Person under Investigation (PUI)

EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT GUIDELINES

XII. Emergency Department

- One visitor will be allowed per patient, two visitors if pediatric patient
- No visitors under the age of 18 permitted
- One visitor during the entire patient stay, “switching out” will be discouraged
- Exceptions will be allowed for end of life care or any other situation deemed appropriate by the medical/nursing staff
- All visitors will be required to wear a mask while in the building
- All visitors will be required to stay in the patient’s room
- All other visitors accompanying the patient will be asked to wait in their cars. No visitors will be permitted to wait in the waiting room.

CANCER CENTER GUIDELINES

XIII. Cancer Center/Infusion Center

- No visitors/companions will be allowed back with patients during treatments
- 1 visitor/companion may accompany patient during consultations or during exams

SUACUTE UNIT GUIDELINES

XIV. SUBACUTE UNIT

- Subacute Unit will permit outside visits with one visitor per patient. If there is inclement weather a designated area has been establish for the visit that allows for social distancing
- Visits will be arranged with nursing staff
- Visitors must wear a mask/face covering and maintain a 6 foot social distance from resident at all times
- The resident will also be required to wear a mask/face covering at all times during the visit
- Indoor visitation will resume once all Phases that have been outlined by the Maryland Department of Health have been met
- Once indoor visitation resumes, visitors must be screened upon entry, required to wear a mask/face covering, and must only be allowed access to the room of the resident during select visiting hours and no more than 2 visitors at one time.
- Indoor visitation should be scheduled in advance
- Limited non-essential staff are restricted from entering Subacute Unit until Phase 2 and staff will be required to be screened at that time
- Non-essential staff and volunteers will be permitted to enter Subacute Unit in Phase 3 and will be required to be screened at that time