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## Visitation Guidelines

### Policy:

#### Visitation Guidelines

If you have tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 5 days, or experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, we ask that you refrain from visiting or entering the hospital.

Women's Complex Care Unit High Risk OB Labor and Delivery Mother Baby Neonatal Intensive Care Unit-NICU Pediatrics Pediatric Intensive Care Unit-PICU Pediatric Emergency Department-Peds ED OB Evaluation Center Outpatient Surgery/Procedural Areas Hope Infusion Center CW Pediatric and OB Clinics	<b>Four (4) designated family members/caregivers may visit at the bedside, but only 2 will be allowed at the bedside at a time. Exceptions may be made for unique circumstances.</b>
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- Follow Universal Masking Guidelines: Patients are to wear a mask while in all areas of the hospital except their room. Family member/designated caregiver is to wear a mask at all times in any area of the facility.

- Agree to practice appropriate hand hygiene and limit the touching of surfaces in patient care areas.
- Stay in the room: Family members/caregivers are asked to remain in the patient's room and not leave the unit or roam the hospital except for basic personal needs (ex: food, restroom)
- Comply with entrance screening.
- Visitor must be age 18 or older, unless parent of the patient.
- **Women's Health Tower Departments only:** Children of patients are allowed to visit between the hours of 8am and 8pm. Handwashing and masking guidelines apply. Children should be well with no signs of acute illness. Children 16 and under and supervised by a visiting adult are not counted in the 4 designated family members/caregivers.

## COVID & Symptomatic Person Under Investigation (PUI) Inpatients

### Pediatric Departments:

COVID positive or symptomatic PUI patients will be allowed to have one (1) caregiver present at the bedside. The caregiver will not be allowed to leave the room.

### NICU and Women's Health Services:

See Attached Guidelines

### Exceptions:

Exceptions to above guidelines to allow up to two (2) family members/caregivers must be approved by the clinical manager, director, or clinical administrator based on patient condition.

*Guidelines are subject to change by management based on infection control recommendations, safety of patients, healthcare personnel and the community.*

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## Attachments

[GUIDELINES FOR COVID POSITIVE FAMILY MEMBERS.docx](#)

## Approval Signatures

Step Description	Approver	Date
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