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## Visitation Regulations

### POLICY

USA Health providers and personnel welcome a patient's family and visitors. The patient has the right to designate a support person (a spouse, domestic partner, (including same-sex domestic partner), family member, friend, or other advocate) to be with the patient for emotional support during the course of his or her stay. Visitor limitation or restriction is only implemented for treatment reasons such as infection risk, because of limited space or safety concerns when that person's presence infringes on the rights or safety of others or is contrary to the treatment and well-being of the patient or upon patient request. USA Health does not restrict, limit, or otherwise deny visitation privileges on the basis of age, race, ethnicity, religion, culture, language, physical or mental disability, socioeconomic status, sex, sexual orientation or gender identity or expression.

### PROCEDURE

1. Visitors will be required to wear a mask in patient care areas.
2. Standard visiting hours are from 6AM until 8PM unless otherwise noted.
3. Visitation is allowed in the Intensive Care Units and Specialty Care Areas during the following times from 8:30 AM-6:00 PM.
4. Reentry into the building is not be permitted after 8 PM by visitors once they have exited.
5. Two visitors are permitted in the Intensive Care Units, Emergency Department, procedural and outpatient areas.
6. COVID positive or symptomatic PUI patients will not be allowed to have any caregivers present at the bedside except in end-of-life situations.
7. Disruptive visitors may be asked to leave when requested to do so by a nurse, USA security officer, or member of the USA Health University Hospital staff. Visitors who are non-compliant with USA Health University Hospital isolation protocols will not be allowed to remain in the facility.
8. Emergencies, including hurricanes, may require temporary changes in the visitation schedule.
9. Exceptions to the above may be approved by the clinical administrator or nurse manager with notification to security.
10. Visitation guidelines are subject to change based on infection control recommendations, safety of patients, healthcare personnel, and the community.

11. For Covid Suspect/COVID patients at end of life, up to four but no more than two visitors at a time will be allowed at the bedside for 1 hour.
12. Caregivers will be required to follow all instructions from clinical staff related to hand washing, PPE, and entry/exit.

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## Attachments

No Attachments

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## Approval Signatures

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## Applicability

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