

MedSurg Visitor Guidelines

Patients with Known or Suspected COVID-19



PATIENTS WITH KNOWN OR SUSPECTED COVID-19 may request one designated visitor through the exception approval process, if the visit is essential to the patient’s physical or emotional wellbeing and care. All visitors must either show proof of full vaccination against COVID-19 (age 5 and up) OR show proof of a negative COVID test within the past 72 hours. We will accept either a written PCR result or a picture of a negative home antigen test (with the handwritten name and date somewhere in the picture).

- ***In-person visits must be scheduled in advance.***
- ***Each day, visitors must complete COVID symptom screening, then check in at the 2nd floor MedSurg Unit window to receive a Visitor Badge with the current date.***
- ***Visitors will wear an N95 mask at all times (supplied by the hospital).***
- ***Visitors will follow isolation protocols, wear proper PPE inside the patient’s room, and limit the touching of surfaces.***
- ***Visitors are expected to maintain at least 6 feet of physical distancing from patients, staff, and other visitors.***
- ***Visitors will perform frequent hand hygiene, including before and after each visit.***
- ***Visitors may not eat in the patient’s room but brief mask removal for drinking is permitted.***
- ***Visitors will be permitted in the patient’s room only, which excludes other locations in the hospital such as the café or lobby waiting areas.***
- ***Visitors should only use the restroom in the patient’s room.***
- ***Visitors should use the patient’s call light for any nurse questions or assistance.***
- ***Be aware that visiting a patient with known or suspected COVID-19 does increase your risk of exposure.***
- ***Non-adherence to these guidelines will result in denial of visitation.***