**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.**

* ***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 a mask at all times.***
* ***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.***

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