

SIH Visitor Restrictions

In an effort to protect our patients and our caregivers and as a proactive measure to reduce the spread of COVID-19, we are restricting visitors.

No visitors, with few exceptions, will be allowed in the hospital and outpatient care areas until further notice. Information will be provided to patients/families to support communication using remote telephonic or video methods as possible.

Exceptions:

- Birthing Center patients may have one dedicated support person
- Pediatric/NICU patients may have one parent/guardian at a time
- Patients with behavioral health, developmental delays or altered mental status for whom a family member or caregiver is integral to their care or safety may have one dedicated support person
- Patients in the Emergency Department may have one dedicated support person
- Patients at end-of-life may have one dedicated support person
- Other considerations made on a case-by-case basis when essential to ensure the emotional well-being and care of the patient. The house supervisor would clear this.

All visitors to SIH facilities will have their temperature checked and complete a COVID-19 screening upon entry. Visitors will not be allowed to enter if they have fever, respiratory symptoms or exposure risk.

Visitors under the age of 18 will not be permitted

Visitors who are permitted must:

- Remain in the patient's room for duration of visit with no access to other areas in the hospital (i.e. cafeteria, waiting rooms)
- Not enter the room during nasopharyngeal (NP) specimen collection or aerosol-generating procedures
- Perform hand hygiene at point of screening and upon entry/exit of the patient's room
- Notify the clinical care team if they develop signs or symptoms of illness during visit

Effective 4/15/2020 – COVID-19 positive and rule out patients are not allowed visitation except for the following circumstances:

- Pediatric/NICU patients may have one parent/guardian at a time
- Patients with developmental delays for whom a family member or caregiver is integral to their care or safety may have one dedicated support person
- Visitors in these areas will be provided the appropriate PPE