

VISITATION GUIDELINES & POLICY

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Our first priority at Huntsville Hospital Health System is to *be safe, be caring and be kind*. With that in mind we have updated our visitation guidelines for family members and support persons. Thank you for your cooperation as we work to keep your patient, your family members and our staff safe.

To enter our facilities you must:

- To enter our facility you must be 16 years of age or older with a valid ID.
- Check in and out at facility entrances.
- Be screened upon entry for symptoms of illness. Anyone exhibiting symptoms cannot enter.
- Wear a mask/face covering, observe social distancing and sanitize hands frequently.

To keep you informed

- Upon admission, a point of contact and communication plan will be set with a family member or support person age 16 & over. Daily updates will be provided to the point of contact, if requested.
- Virtual visitation is available.
- The patient will provide a password for identification so that communication can take place between the hospital staff and family members.

Non COVID-19 patients, two (2) designated persons are allowed to visit.

COVID-19 positive patients (including patients who are under investigation for COVID-19), visitation is restricted to end-of-life care or special circumstances. Special circumstances may include patients with disabilities or where having a family member present would benefit the patient's clinical care. If supporting a COVID-19 patient, compliance with personal protective equipment is required.

Adults

- Two persons are allowed during end-of-life care.
- It is important to stay in the room except for basic personal needs (ex: food/restroom).
- Please leave personal items in vehicle.
- Room size limits the use of additional chairs.
- Any approved caregiver that leaves the facility at 9 p.m. will not be allowed re-entry until 5 a.m. the next day with exception being end of life

Mother-Baby, Labor & Delivery & Antepartum

- Two (2) support persons are allowed per patient.

Emergency Department and Adult Intensive Care Units

- One (1) support person at the bedside at a time