

## 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.
- Wear a mask/face covering, observe social distancing and sanitize hands frequently.

### To keep you informed

- 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.

### Pediatric Patients

If you are supporting a patient in the Pediatric Unit, Pediatric ICU, Pediatric Emergency Department, or in the Neonatal ICU, please observe the following guidelines:

- Two (2) parents/designated caregivers are able to support the child at the bedside
- Pediatric patients having surgery may have (2) parents/dedicated caregivers at the bedside prior to surgery. Both caregivers must return to their vehicle during the procedure, and one parent/caregiver will be called back to recovery when the surgery is completed.

### Mother-Baby, Labor & Delivery & Antepartum

- Two (2) designated caregivers are allowed at the bedside per patient.

### Adults & Adult ICU Guidelines

- Two (2) designated persons are allowed to visit.
- In the Adult ICU, only one (1) caregiver person at the bedside at a time.
- Upon admission, a point of contact and communication plan will be set with a family member or support person age 16 and over. Daily updates will be provided to the point of contact, if requested.
- 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
- No one is allowed in the ICU units between the hours of **6:00 - 8:00 a.m.** and **6:00 – 8:00 p.m.**
- In the surgery preoperative area, only one (1) caregiver permitted at the bedside.

### Overnight Stay

- Patients may be allowed one (1) overnight designated caregiver.

**COVID-19 positive patients** (including patients who are under investigation for COVID-19), visitation is \*permitted as follows:

- One (1) designated caregiver is allowed for the pediatric and maternity patients.
- Two (2) persons are allowed during end-of-life care

\*If supporting a COVID-19 patient, compliance with personal protective equipment is required.