

Attention

Munson Healthcare Visitor Policy Update

Protecting our patients and healthcare team from COVID-19

Effective Monday, May 24, 2021

All patients — including inpatients, outpatients, and surgical/procedural patients — are permitted one visitor/support person at a time, 18 years of age or older.

Inpatients with COVID-19 are allowed one visitor per day with appropriate personal protective equipment. Duration of the visit is at the discretion of the care team.

Emergency Department: Emergency Department patients are allowed one visitor. One exception is that COVID-19 positive Emergency Department patients and patients with COVID-like symptoms will not be allowed visitors in the Emergency Department. If admitted, COVID-19 positive patients will be allowed one visitor per day with appropriate PPE.

More than one visitor at a time is allowed for the following circumstances:

- **Obstetrics patients:** One birthing partner or support person (must be the same person during the duration of their stay) and one certified doula. Obstetric patients with a COVID-19 positive diagnosis are allowed one visitor, with appropriate personal protective equipment.
- **Pediatric patients (21 years of age or younger):** May have two adult primary caregivers at a time (such as parents, foster parents or guardians). It is strongly preferred that the caregivers are the same for the duration of their stay, or visit in outpatient settings. If a NICU patient is a multiple and their sibling (twin, triplet, etc.) is not a NICU patient, the multiple sibling may visit with the primary caregiver. No other siblings under 18 years may visit pediatric patients.
- **End of life:**
 - Two visitors at a time.
 - Visitors must maintain social distancing with members of the healthcare team.
 - Visitors for patients at end of life may be evaluated on a case-by-case basis, including those under the age of 18.
 - Visitors for patients with a COVID-19 positive diagnosis who are at this stage must wear appropriate personal protective equipment.
- **Individuals performing spiritual care, legal or governmental functions:** One spiritual advisor of a patient's choosing is allowed one visit. Personnel from law enforcement, adult protective services, interpreters, and other such groups are allowed one at a time.

Overnight stays are limited to obstetrics, pediatrics, and extenuating circumstances approved by the care team.

Some departments, patient populations, clinics, and practices may require additional precautions.

Approved visitors:

- Will be required to answer questions about current health
- Will be required to provide their name and phone number for contact tracing purposes
- Must adhere to Munson Healthcare's Universal Masking Policy and wear an MHC-issued mask.
- Must go directly to and from patient's room or to and from their appointment
- Must wash hands or use alcohol sanitizer before and after leaving any rooms as well as the facility

Waiting room availability is based on capacity and ability to social distance. Visitors may be asked to wait in other designated areas if a waiting room is unavailable or at capacity.

Only "essential" vendors are allowed access to MHC facilities.

