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Pandemic Response Level Elevated - Increased Visitor Restrictions Further Limited Visitation -

Further Limited Visitation - New Visitor Restrictions

Due to the community spread of COVID-19, new guidelines prohibit all visitors, with the following exceptions:

- **Pediatric patients**: One adult primary caregiver (such as a parent, foster parent or guardian) may accompany a pediatric patient 21 years of age or under, or a NICU patient. It is strongly preferred that each pediatric patient have one caregiver designated as the sole visitor for the entire hospital stay.
- **Obstetrics patients**: One birthing partner or support person may accompany an obstetrics patient, and it must be the same person during the entirety of their stay. Other people desired for support can provide that support through video technologies.
- **Patients at the end of life***: One visitor is permitted. Extenuating circumstances can be reviewed by the administrator on call, the chief medical officer, or the chief nursing officer.
- **Surgical patients**: One visitor may accompany the patient. If the surgical patient is admitted to the hospital post-surgery, the visitor must then leave the hospital.
- **Individuals performing official governmental functions**: Personnel from law enforcement, adult protective services, and other such groups are allowed to enter a patient's room, but only one at a time.

Vide Conferencing technology is the safest and preferred method of visitation at this time.

Visitors who enter any Munson Healthcare facility will be screened using questions about current health status and contact with people exhibiting signs of COVID-19. Visitors who do not pass the screening questions will not be allowed in the facility, unless they are seeking treatment.

Approved visitors MUST:

- Wash their hands or apply alcohol-based hand sanitizer at point of entry, before and after leaving any rooms, and when exiting the facility.
- Wear a mask provided by or approved by the facility.
- Go directly to and from the patient unit. Visitors are not allowed to use the waiting rooms or café.
- When visiting COVID-19 patients, wear full personal protective equipment (PPE) provided by the facility and consistent with instructions.

The crisis with COVID-19 is changing quickly and we will continue to impose tighter restrictions in the coming days ahead.

*Patients with a prognosis of several hours before passing.

