

Visitation Policy

(Effective October 21, 2020)

Visitation hours are from 10:00 am - 7:00 pm daily

One (1) visitor per non-COVID/Patient Under Investigation (PUI) emergent and inpatient is permitted per day in the hospital during visitation hours with the following exceptions:

- No minor visitors under the age of 13.
- No visitors in Outpatient Procedure Departments such as Same Day Services, Lab, Radiology, Outpatient Surgery, Houston Heart Institute (unless an *****essential visitor**)
- Patients in hospice, palliative care, pediatric units and birth centers may have one (1) visitor overnight.
- Patients in labor and delivery and/or post-partum may have two (2) visitors including partner and birth coach.
- For Emergency Department, if adult patient is suspected or confirmed COVID, no visitors will be allowed until suspected is confirmed negative, then adult patient may have one (1) visitor. If patient is a minor under the age of 18, then minor patient may have one (1) visitor.
- For non-COVID ICU patients, limited to two (2) designated visitors per day, one at a time, for 1 hour each day. Charge Nurse on duty will collaborate with attending Physician and will have final discretion for special circumstances.
- For non-COVID ICU/4M Palliative Care patients, limited to two (2) designated visitors per day for one hour at the time. For 4M ICA patients, patients designated as Palliative Care/End-of-Life may have one visitor to stay overnight.
- For COVID+ patients, limited to two (2) designated visitors, one at a time, for a one-time visit in end-of-life situations only. Arrangements for special circumstances will be made with attending Physician and Charge Nurse collaboration for end of life decisions. This will be provided on a case-by-case basis.

**** Essential visitors are defined as: a visitor with a pediatric inpatient under the age of 18 (two (2) parents/guardians), visitor responsible to provide healthcare decision-making choices, visitor helping with communication, and/or mobility. Visitation for patients who normally require full-time care or are developmentally disabled and usually reside with a parent, guardian, or caregiver are considered an essential visitor.*

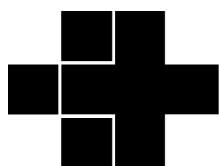
Visitors will not be permitted for confirmed COVID-19 patients and Patients Under Investigation being screened and awaiting results.

All inpatient visitors must enter through the Northwest Tower entrance. Visitors must remain in the patient room at all times and avoid waiting areas, hallways, and common areas while in the hospital. At this time, all cafeteria, gift shops, and cafés are closed to the public.

It is mandatory that a hospital-approved mask be properly worn at all times while at Houston Medical Center or Perry Hospital. Non-charcoal filtered vented mask are prohibited. Any patient, visitor or employee who arrives without an approved mask will be provided a surgical mask to replace or cover over any mask that does not meet the appropriate guidelines.

Visitors with cough, fever, shortness of breath or other flu-like symptoms will not be allowed entry.

All facilities may be accessed through the main lobby and/or emergency centers. Greeters at public entrances will continue to ask basic screening questions including temperature monitoring, guiding those seeking treatment to the appropriate location while assisting essential visitors as needed.



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