

SMH-CVH COVID-19 Visitor Restriction Policy

PURPOSE:

This **Visitor Restriction Policy** is implemented to protect staff, patients, and community during the outbreak of COVID-19.



POLICY:

Routine visiting will be suspended at St. Mary's Health and Clearwater Valley Health (SMH-CVH) until the transmission of COVID-19 is no longer a threat to our patients, staff and community. Visitors will be allowed in based on the exception list outlined below.

The exception list *applies provided there is absence of symptoms on screening*:

- Obstetric patients may have one partner and one birth support person accompany them.
 - ◆ No children under the age of 16
- Patients who are under the age of 18:
 - ◆ May have one visitor, or parents or guardians
 - ◆ Must stay in the room for the duration of the visit
- For the Nursery/Neonatal Intensive Care Unit:
 - ◆ Birth parent; plus one significant other
 - ◆ Must stay in the room for the duration of the visit
- Patients who are at the end-of-life may have only 2 visitors.
 - ◆ Must stay in the room for the duration of the visit
- Patients with disruptive behavior, where a family member is key to their care, may have only 1 visitor.
 - ◆ Must stay in the room for the duration of the visit
- Patients who have altered mental status or developmental delays (where caregiver provides safety) may have only 1 visitor.
 - ◆ Must stay in the room for the duration of the visit
- Patients who require a home caregiver to be trained.
 - ◆ Must stay in the room for the duration of the visit
- Patients undergoing surgery or procedures may have 1 visitor.
 - ◆ Visitor to leave medical center as soon as possible after the procedure/surgery
- Visitors may not remove any supplies or equipment from the medical center. Escalate to a supervisor immediately if noted.
- Patients who have an appointment at a hospital, clinic, laboratory, radiology or are visiting the Emergency Department may have 1 person with them.
- Restrictive policy includes SMH-CVH Employees that have family members who are in the hospital.
- No visitors will be allowed in rooms of Persons under Investigation (PUI's) or COVID-19 positive patients, unless the patient is at end of life or under the age of 18.
- No other visitors will be allowed in the hospital at this time.
 - ◆ Any exceptions to this policy must be cleared by the clinical area administrator.
- Entrance will be limited at each organization to ensure appropriate screening can occur for visitors in the exception list.



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