

ED COVID Visitation Guidelines 04/11/22

***ONLY (1) Visitor will be allowed per patient**

Known or suspected COVID Positive Patients: NO visitors allowed. Exceptions: patients who meet ADA requirements and minors, for which (1) parent/guardian/caregiver may accompany the patient

All visitors:

Visitors will be screened for signs and symptoms of COVID before entering the facility. Visitors must wear a well-fitted surgical/procedure mask upon arrival and throughout their stay

- Mask will be provided by SVMC if needed
- Mask must cover a person's mouth and nose (well-fitted)
- Visitors will wear any other personal protective equipment (PPE) while in the patient's room that facility personnel deem appropriate to the situation
- Visitors will be educated on proper hand hygiene
- Visitors are to remain in the room and are not allowed to roam the hallway, and are restricted to the ED
- If the patient requires a procedure, the ED staff will ask the visitor to wait in the lobby during the procedure and will be called back at the discretion of the primary nurse or charge nurse. Visitors are not allowed to wait in the hallway

Visitors of patients who arrive via ambulance:

- Visitors who accompany a patient arriving via ambulance, will be directed to the ED lobby for proper screening by security
- The visitor will not be allowed back until the patient has been placed in a room, and then, it is at the discretion of the primary nurse or charge nurse. Exceptions: patients who meet ADA requirements and minors; any other circumstances will be at the discretion of the charge nurse

Visitors of patients who are admitted to acute care:

- Visitors will not be allowed to accompany the patient to their assigned acute care bed. Exceptions: patients who meet ADA requirements and minors
- During acute care visiting hours: visitors can proceed to the main hospital entrance for screening
- Outside of acute care visiting hours: visitors will have to return through the main hospital entrance during hospital established visiting hours