



AMENDED Restricted Visitation Policy at Southwest Mississippi Regional Medical Center, Including all Clinics and Facilities.

Thursday, March 19, 2020

In order to protect our patients, clinicians, and all staff we are limiting access to our hospital locations to no visitors unless the individual is essential or directly involved in patient care.

Access to Premier Medical Clinic, McComb Family Practice and the Gastro Clinic in the Medical Arts Building will be the doors at Aston Avenue at Pike Co. Medical Services and the Lewis Street entrance of Serenity Psychiatric Clinic and Premier Medical Clinic.

Access to Hospital is still limited to Main Lobby, Emergency Department, and the Cardiovascular Institute Lobby.

ALL arriving patients and essential visitors will be asked a series of safety questions outside of every entry point of our hospitals before allowed entry. Once inside we will confirm the reason for visitation.

If you think you may have the Coronavirus (COVID-19). **Call our Coronavirus Hotline 601-249-3627 for further instructions.**

Read the criteria to be tested before you call:

- Cough PLUS fever more than 100.4° or shortness of breath AND
- Age 65+ with a compromised immune system OR
- Person-to-person contact with a confirmed/suspected case of COVID-19

Advanced Age Recommendations The vast number of patients who may become infected with Coronavirus (COVID-19) are expected to make a full recovery. However, our elderly population with other existing medical conditions such as chronic heart conditions, asthma, or a weakened immune system are at the greatest risk for severe disease if infected.

It is critical that we work together to protect those susceptible to infection. Elderly patients with suppressed immune systems are also encouraged to stay home.

These recommendations are to prevent the spread of the virus throughout our community, your understanding and cooperation with these changes is much appreciated.

For the latest updates and FAQ's related to COVID-19, please visit <https://www.srmc.com/corona-virus/>

Restricted Visitation Policy for SMRMC Maternity Suites

Friday, March 20, 2020

In order to protect our patients, clinicians, staff and community we have implemented further restrictions on visitation in the Maternity Suites and Nursery/NICU.

- Women giving birth may have 1 caregiver in LDRP. The caregiver/partner should make plans to stay the entire visit and will not be allowed to swap out with another person. The caregiver/partner should bring all necessary items and be prepared to not leave the building until discharge. If the caregiver leaves the facility, he or she may not be allowed back on the unit.
- No caregivers/partners will be allowed in the Triage (the room you are placed in to be monitored) areas until it is determined if the patient will be admitted to the hospital. We will assist the patient in contacting her partner upon discharge or admit.
- Infants in the Nursery/NICU may have 1 consistent caregiver visiting. If possible, this should be the mother only.
- Please consider alternative communication methods as available and appropriate such as phone, Facetime, texting or other electronic methods.
- All arriving patients and essential caregivers will be screened for symptoms of illness upon entrance to the hospital.

If you think you may have the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and are not in labor, please call our **Coronavirus Hotline 601-249-3627 for further instructions. Criteria to be tested are:**

- 1- Cough PLUS fever more than 100.4 or shortness of breath **AND**
- 2- Compromised immune system or Person-to-person contact with a confirmed/suspected case of COVID-19

Thank you for understanding during this challenging time. Be assured that our patients are getting exceptional care from our outstanding physicians, nurses, and staff in a way that protects their safety and that of others.