



VISITATION GUIDELINES

Effective January 5, 2023

Southwest Health recognizes that visitation of family and friends during a patient's hospitalization is key to a patient's recovery, and it's something we encourage.

HOSPITAL VISITATION GUIDELINES

- Review signage at all entrances to facility
- All visitors **must** wear a mask.
- Wash hands frequently

Visiting Hours

- Non-Covid-19/Non-ICU Inpatient: 7 am -7 pm
- Critical Care (2 visitors at a time; 30 minutes at a time): 10 am -10:30 am, 3 pm – 5 pm, 8 pm – 9 pm
- Visitors must be 12 years or older.
- Due to the nature of the illness, the patient's physical or emotional condition, or the patient's preference, some visits may be restricted or extended.

SPECIFICS BY AREA

Inpatient Areas:

- Inpatient Hospitalizations: 7 am – 7 pm visitation. 12 years or older. Adult patients may have 1 support person stay overnight. Pediatric patients may have 2 support persons stay overnight. Covid-19 patients may have 1 continuous support person who shall remain in the patient room at all times. This support person will be strongly encouraged to wear an N-95 respirator while visiting their loved one.
- ICU/CVSU - Non-COVID-19 patients are allowed 2 designated visitors per day who are at least 12 years of age or older (see details above). At the discretion of ICU staff, Covid- 19 patients may be allowed visitors.
- Nursery/NICU - Patients are allowed 2 consistent caregivers visiting. If possible, this should be the mother and father only.
- Inpatient Surgery: 2 support persons will be allowed in pre-op area, as space allows, until the patient is taken to surgery. The 2 support persons and other visitors may then wait in the designated surgical waiting area.

Outpatient Areas:

- Emergency Department Visits – All visitors must be masked.
- 2 visitors are allowed to wait in the waiting room; unless space becomes an issue then visitors may be asked to wait in their vehicles.
- Adult patients may have 1 designated visitor at least 18 years of age to stay 24/7.
- Pediatric patients are allowed 2 visitors at least 18 years of age to stay 24/7.
- Outpatient Surgery: 2 support persons will be allowed in pre-op area, as space allows, until the patient is taken to surgery. The 2 support persons and other visitors may then wait in the designated surgical waiting area.

Outpatient Clinics:

- Mask wearing is required.
- Support persons will be allowed as space in the waiting room permits.
- Children are welcome when accompanied by a responsible adult.

VISITATION POLICY FOR SMRMC MATERNITY SUITES

We believe COVID-19 should not diminish one of the most exciting times in a woman's life.

- Visiting hours are 7am until 7pm and **must** wear a mask.
- Siblings of all ages, family, and friends may visit. Other children under 12 may not visit.
- No more than 4 people can be in the Suite.
- Laboring patients may have after-hours visitation. Security will give a pass at the Emergency Department.
- Visitation may extend for 2 hours after the delivery.
- Visitors must wait in the Waiting Room.