



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.