



## COVID-19 Visitor Restrictions in Place

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As the community's positive test rate and the health system's COVID-19 admissions continue to trend upward, Harnett Health System is making the following modifications to the current visitation policy. These changes will go into effect on Tuesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>.

### Mask On Policy

Visitors and patients in all Harnett Health facilities and clinics are required to properly wear a mask and/or PPE. Masks must remain on at all times, even in patients' rooms or the visitor will be asked to leave. This mask policy will be strictly enforced.

### Inpatient Visitation:

- Visitation hours: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily
- At this time visitors under the age of 18 years old are not permitted to enter the facilities.
- **Adult Inpatients:**
  - Adult inpatients may have **TWO** Visitors, **ONE entry per day**, age 18 or older in their room at a time.
  - Once they leave they may not re-enter on the same day.
- **COVID-19 Inpatients:**
  - Inpatients with COVID-19 or patients under investigation for COVID-19 in adult units may have **ONE** Visitor, **ONE entry per day**, age 18 or older.
  - Visitors must wear appropriate PPE and stay in the room for the entire visit.
  - No eating or drinking allowed in the patient room.
  - Once they leave they may not re-enter on the same day.
- **Pediatrics Inpatients:**
  - Pediatric inpatients may have **TWO**, parent/legal guardian, visitors age 18 or older in their room at a time, **ONE entry per day**.
  - Once they leave they may not re-enter on the same day.
  - **ONE**, parent/legal guardian, visitor age 18 or older may stay overnight with the Pediatric inpatient.
- **Labor and Delivery:**
  - L&D patients are may have **TWO** visitors age of 18 or older in their room at a time, **ONE entry per day**.
  - No other visitors are allowed at this time.
  - Visitors are not allowed to switch out with other people.
  - Once they leave they may not re-enter on the same day.
- **Emergency Department:**
  - Emergency Department adult patients may have **ONE** visitor, **ONE entry per day** and patients under the age of 18 may have **TWO** visitors, **ONE entry per day**.
  - Visiting hours do not apply to visitors in the Emergency Department. However, if the patient is admitted or boarded while waiting on a bed, visitation hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
  - Visitors may wait with the ER patient in the ER waiting area.
  - Once visitors leave they may not re-enter on the same day.

### Outpatient Visitation:

- **Outpatient Surgical:**
  - Outpatient adult surgical patients will be allowed **ONE** visitor age 18 or older.
  - Outpatient pediatric surgical patients will be allowed **TWO**, parent/legal guardian, visitors age 18 or older. Both of these visitors for pediatric surgical outpatients will be allowed in the surgical patient care area during pre-operative and post-operative care.
  - The visitors will be required to remain in the patient care room during the procedure or surgery.

- **Outpatient Services:**
  - **ONE** visitor age 18 or older is allowed to accompany each patient per service.
- **Outpatient Clinics:**
  - **ONE** visitor age 18 or older is allowed to accompany each patient to an appointment.
- **Outpatient Oncology Clinic:**
  - **ONE** visitor age 18 or older is allowed to accompany each patient to an appointment.
  - Other visitor exclusions for this clinic are communicated by the clinic at the time of the appointment.

**Wristbands:** Visitors who pass the health screening may be given a wristband. Every day, each approved visitor needs to go through screening again, and visitors of patients in the hospital must check in/out when they are visiting.

**Checking In/Out:** Visitors in our facilities must check in and out at the designated entry, so may be able to visit, if permissible.

**Please be aware of these additional visitation restrictions in place:**

- **Health Screenings:**
  - All visitors will be required to pass a health screening at one of our designated entry points.
  - No visitor with fever, cough, cold or flu-like symptoms will be permitted to enter the facility.
  - No one should visit a patient if they have come into contact with someone who is under investigation or tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 10 days.
  - Visitors who are over 65, pregnant or immunocompromised are discouraged from visiting.
- **Waiting Rooms/Lobbies:** The waiting rooms/lobbies are closed to visitors. We encourage additional visitors not to wait on campus.
  - **\*\*ED visitors may wait with the patient in the ED waiting room.\*\***
- **Virtual Connection:** We encourage loved ones to use FaceTime, Skype and phone calls to visit with patients.