

Visitor Safety Policy



As of 6/12/24

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Post-Partum observes “nesting hours” from 2 - 4 p.m.

Gero Psychiatric Unit 12:30 - 2 p.m. and 4 - 5:30 p.m.

**Thank you for supporting a safe, respectful and healing environment.
For the safety of our patients, families and staff, visitors must:**



Be in good health and undergo symptom screening when entering the building.



Be limited to two visitors at a time. *Please note the differences on reverse side.*



Practice hand hygiene when entering/exiting the building or patient room, and as needed.



Minimize loud conversations and not play videos or music that can be heard by others.



Use respectful language when speaking with staff members, patients, and families.



Obtain permission before taking pictures or audio / video recording.



Limit video calls in patient care areas.

Any visitors who are unwilling or unable to follow these guidelines will be asked to leave the premises.

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Patient Populations	Visitors	Notes
Gero Psychiatric Unit	1	1 visitor at a time, no more than 2 per day. Visits must be scheduled in advance with the Social Worker and are at the approval of the treating physician.
Emergency Department	1	1 visitor per patient <u>if space permits</u> . <i>Two parents allowed for individuals 18 years and younger.</i>
Perioperative Services, GI Lab, and Procedures	2	2 visitors per patient <u>if space permits</u>

* Visitation for Covid-positive patients must wait 1.5 hours following aerosolizing procedures, CPR, or extubation

Exceptions to visitor hours include:

- Patients in critical condition when end of life may be imminent.
- Children under 18 years old.
- Patients with a physical, intellectual, developmental disability or cognitive impairment that requires a known caregiver for support.

Current Mask Guidelines

Masks are optional with the following exceptions:

- Visitation to:
 - Gero-psychiatric patients,
 - Patients who require additional precautions;
- Patients with symptoms of respiratory infection (cough, runny nose, fever) in waiting areas.