



MDMC COVID-19 Visitor Guidelines

- **Patient is allowed one visitor per duration of their hospital stay. The patient will let nursing know the name of the visitor at the time of admission. Visiting hours are Monday-Friday 8am-4:00pm and Saturday-Sunday 10am-4:00pm (Enter through Front Lobby unless patient is in the Emergency Department).** Visitors are only allowed in designated areas. These areas currently include: Rehab, Telemetry, Med/Surg and ER (more details below).
- Visitors must be 18 years of age or older.
- Visitation is denied for patients who are at increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19. For these patients, alternative means for direct interaction between visitors and patients is encouraged, including setting up remote communications such as telephone or internet, to allow for video or audio calls. These areas currently include: ICU, COVID care areas, Psychiatric units, OB, and Pediatrics. Visitation exceptions include: 1 parent or legal guardian for minors, 1 support person for obstetric patients, a limited number of visitors for end-of-life patients, 1 visitor for patients with altered mental or physical status, 1 home caregiver if in-person education/training is required for discharge, and 1 visitor for patients who are undergoing surgery or a procedure.
- Visitors who are at high risk for severe illness from COVID-19, such as older adults and those with underlying medical conditions, are strongly discouraged from visiting during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- All visitors are required to wear a mask/face covering at all times while in our facility. The patient is also required to wear a mask (if tolerated) when the visitor is in the room.
- All visitors will be provided a visitor sticker with the specified room number they are visiting. This must be worn at all times while visiting our facility.
- All visitors to our facility must enter and exit through the front lobby entrance to allow for proper screening for fever (Temp=100.0 F or greater), symptoms of acute respiratory illness, and for adherence to facility mask/face covering requirements. Any visitor that does not meet these requirements will be denied entrance into our facility.
- All visitors should perform hand hygiene upon entrance to facility, prior to entering patient room, when leaving patient room, and after using restroom. This is properly accomplished by washing hands with soap and water for at least 40 seconds or by using an alcohol-based hand rub with at least 60% ethanol or 70% isopropanol for at least 20 seconds.
- All visitors should adhere to proper respiratory hygiene and cough etiquette, such as covering the mouth and nose with a disposable tissue or sneezing/coughing into elbow. Hand hygiene should be performed after coughing or sneezing has occurred.
- Visitor movement within the healthcare facility should be restricted to the room of the patient they are visiting. Visitors should not go to other locations in the facility.
- All visitors should practice social distancing, and maintain at least 6 feet of distance from others when possible.
- Visitors should attempt to limit the number of times they touch common-touch surfaces, including: door handles, handrails, elevator buttons, phones, etc.