

Visitation Guidance

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Visitation guidance in whom COVID-19 testing is **PENDING**:

- **Patient and parent/guardian both without clinical signs or symptoms of COVID-19**
 - No movement restrictions for the parent/guardian, who is compliant with universal masking and hand hygiene. This may include when visiting restroom, common areas (great room, cafeteria, etc.), going back-and-forth from home, etc.
- **Patient with symptoms of COVID-19 but parent/guardian is asymptomatic**
 - Encourage parent/guardian to remain in patient room but parent/guardian, who is compliant with universal masking and hand hygiene, may be allowed to visit common areas (great room, cafeteria, etc.). If parent must leave the hospital, instruct parent to perform hand hygiene and don mask to exit the building. Parent may return to bedside following universal masking. If parent/guardian becomes symptomatic, see below.
- **Parent/guardian with clinical signs or symptoms of COVID-19**
 - Strongly encourage sick parent/guardian to leave. If parent/guardian will not leave, parent should be restricted to room and keep facemask on at all times. If parent/guardian must leave to go home, page IP & C to discuss the plan for safe re-entry. Parent should not be allowed to visit any common areas (great room, cafeteria, etc.). If parents need to leave the patient room to shower, they should wear a mask to get to and from the designated shower location. EVS should be contacted to clean the shower/bathroom after the parent has finished showering.

Visitation guidance in whom COVID-19 testing is **CONFIRMED**:

- **Patient with COVID-19 but parent/guardian is asymptomatic**
 - Parent should be restricted to room and keep facemask on at all times. If parent/guardian must leave to go home, page IP & C to discuss the plan for safe re-entry. Parent should not be allowed to visit any common areas (great room, cafeteria, etc.). If parents need to leave the patient room to shower, they should wear a mask to get to and from the designated shower location. EVS should be contacted to clean the shower/bathroom after the parent has finished showering.
- **Parent/guardian with clinical signs or symptoms of COVID-19 OR positive for COVID-19**

ALL inpatient units with the exception of NICU:

- Strongly encourage sick parent/guardian to leave. Parents with COVID-19 compatible illness should be tested and **should not** visit while test is pending and if positive for COVID-19. If parent/guardian will not leave, parent should be restricted to room and keep facemask on at all times. If parent/guardian must leave to go home, page IP & C to discuss the plan for safe re-entry. Parent should not be allowed to visit any common areas (great room, cafeteria, etc.). If parents need to leave the patient room to shower, they should wear a mask to get to and from the designated shower location. EVS should be contacted to clean the shower/bathroom after the parent has finished showering. If patient remains hospitalized, the parents can return to bedside once all the following requirements are met. Please page IP&C to discuss the plan for safe re-entry.
 - Have had improvement in respiratory symptoms
 - Have been afebrile for 24 hours without use of antipyretics
 - At least 10 days have passed since symptom onset (or from date of positive test if asymptomatic) unless parent/guardian with severe illness and/or is immunocompromised, then at least 20 days have passed since symptom onset (or from date of positive test if asymptomatic)

NICU only:

- Parents with COVID-19 compatible illness should be tested and **should not** visit while test is pending and if positive for COVID-19. Parents can return to bedside once all the following requirements are met. Please page IP&C to discuss the plan for safe re-entry.
 - Have had improvement in respiratory symptoms
 - Have been afebrile for 24 hours without use of antipyretics
 - At least 10 days have passed since symptom onset (or from date of positive test if asymptomatic) unless parent/guardian with severe illness and/or is immunocompromised, then at least 20 days have passed since symptom onset (or from date of positive test if asymptomatic)

- **Discharge of patient whose parent/guardian is positive for COVID-19**
 - Preferably the parent that is negative or asymptomatic should be present during discharge. If that is not possible, see below for guidance:
 - Unit to alert Security and Concierge of this parent/guardian
 - Parent should be given a facemask and instructed to keep it on at all times while inside the hospital and be compliant with hand hygiene
 - Parent is not allowed to visit common areas (great room, cafeteria, etc.)

As a reminder, parents or visitors are expected to wear their facemask when in the presence of healthcare workers regardless of symptoms. If healthcare worker enters room and parent is unmasked, please ask parent to wear his/her facemask while the healthcare worker is in the room.