

**Visitor Guidance for Duration of COVID-19 State of Emergency:**

New Jersey's hospitals continue to prioritize the safety and well-being of patients, patient visitors and support persons, and staff. New Jersey's hospitals recognize the important role that visits from support persons have on patients' well-being. This guidance balances that influence with the need to reduce the risk of patients and staff being exposed or infected with the coronavirus.

Confirmed adult COVID positive patients and patients under investigation (PUIs) are **not** permitted visitors, except in the following limited circumstances with the care team's permission:

- Patients receiving end of life care, who may have one visitor at a time for duration of stay,
- Patients in labor, who may have one visitor and one doula (who must be the same individuals) for duration of stay, and
- Patients with an intellectual, developmental, or other cognitive disability, who may have one visitor (who must be the same individual) for duration of stay.

Confirmed pediatric COVID positive patients or PUIs are **not** permitted visitors, except in the following limited circumstances with the care team's permission:

- One parent or guardian at a time may visit the pediatric patient, or
- Two parents or guardians may visit NICU patients.

Please note that when visitation is permitted:

1. The hospital sets appropriate visiting hours.
2. All visitors must be 18 years or older, except in rare exceptions as determined by the hospital.
3. All visitors will be provided instruction on how to wear masks and appropriate PPE.
  - All visitors will be provided with and must wear appropriate PPE as recommended by the CDC for the duration of their time in the hospital.
  - Visitors are not permitted to enter the hospital using bandanas, gaiters, or masks with exhalation valves as a mask.
  - If a visitor refuses to wear a CDC-recommended mask or other PPE, they will be asked to leave the hospital.
4. All visitors must undergo symptom and temperature checks upon entering the hospital. If they fail the screening, they will be asked to leave the hospital.
5. All visitors must perform hand hygiene before visiting a patient.
6. Once in the hospital, visitors must remain in the patient's room (or Emergency Department bay) throughout the visit, except when directed by hospital staff to leave during aerosol-generating procedure or other procedures in which visitors are usually asked to leave.
7. All visitors must comply with hospital requirements to minimize the potential spread of infection.

To maintain the safe environment where New Jersey's hospitals continue to provide safe, secure, high quality care, we use three visitation levels — red, yellow and green — to protect and limit the spread of COVID-19. The visitation levels will be reviewed weekly, and depending upon the prevalence of COVID-19 in the community and hospital conditions, visitation changes may occur.

Red Level Guidance	No Visitors, with limited exceptions All exceptions MUST be approved by care team
<b>Emergency Department</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exception: one parent or one guardian of pediatric patients for the duration of stay</li> <li>• Exception: one visitor, must be same person, for patients with intellectual, developmental, or other cognitive disability for the duration of stay</li> </ul>
<b>Obstetrics/L&amp;D</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exception: one visitor, must be the same person, for duration of birth parent’s stay</li> <li>• Exception: one doula, must be the same doula, for duration of birth parent’s stay</li> </ul>
<b>Surgery/Procedure Patients</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exception: provided social distancing can be accomplished, one visitor until patient is taken into prep               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Visitor must then leave</li> <li>○ Visitor may not be present during procedures or in the recovery room, except for pediatrics, childbirth, or patients with intellectual, developmental, or other cognitive disability.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Adult In-Patient</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exception: one visitor, must be the same person, for patients in hospital more than 72 hours</li> <li>• Exception: one visitor at discharge for bedside discharge directions and education</li> </ul>
<b>Pediatrics</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exception: same two parents or guardians may visit at the same time, unless COVID+ and PUI guideline applies</li> <li>• Exception: siblings may be permitted for end of life</li> </ul>
<b>Psychiatry</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exception: one visitor, must be the same person, for patients with intellectual, developmental, or other cognitive disability may be permitted</li> <li>• Permission to visit is granted at discretion of care team, including time and duration of visit</li> <li>• Permission to visit must be approved by care team in advance of visit</li> </ul>
<b>Immunocompromised</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exception: one parent or one guardian of pediatric patients for the duration of stay</li> <li>• Exception: one visitor at a time for patients receiving end of life care</li> <li>• Exception: one visitor, must be the same person, for patients in labor</li> <li>• Exception: one visitor, must be the same person, for, patients with an intellectual, developmental, or other cognitive disability</li> </ul>
<b>End of Life</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exception: up to two visitors at same time, and visitors may switch throughout the day</li> </ul>

Yellow Level Guidance	Hospital Visits are limited
<b>Emergency Department</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One visitor, must be same person, for duration of stay</li> </ul>
<b>Obstetrics/L&amp;D</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One visitor at a time for duration of birth parent’s stay</li> <li>• One doula, must be the same doula, for duration of birth parent’s stay</li> </ul>
<b>Surgery/Procedure Patients</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provided social distancing can be accomplished, one visitor until patient is taken into prep</li> <li>• One visitor when patient is in recovery and preparing for discharge</li> </ul>
<b>Adult In-Patient</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One visitor at a time</li> <li>• Visitors may change but cannot overlap</li> </ul>
<b>Pediatrics</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two parents or guardians may visit at the same time, unless COVID+ and PUI guideline applies</li> <li>• Siblings may be permitted for end of life</li> </ul>
<b>Immunocompromised</b>	<p><b>No Visitors</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exception: one parent or one guardian of pediatric patients for the duration of stay</li> <li>• Exception: one visitor, must be same person, for patients with intellectual, developmental, or other cognitive disability for the duration of stay</li> <li>• Exception: one visitor, must be same person, for patients receiving end of life care</li> </ul>
<b>Psychiatry</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One visitor, must be same person for duration, may be permitted</li> <li>• Permission to visit is granted at discretion of care team, including time and duration of visit</li> <li>• Permission to visit must be approved by care team in advance of visit</li> </ul>
<b>End of Life</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Up to two visitors may visit at the same time</li> <li>• Visitors may switch throughout the day</li> </ul>

Green Level Guidance	Visitors permitted with some limits
<b>Emergency Department</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Up to two visitors permitted for duration</li> </ul>
<b>Obstetrics/L&amp;D</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Up to two visitors permitted at same time</li> <li>One doula, must be the same doula, for duration of birth parent's stay</li> </ul>
<b>Surgery/Procedure Patients</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provided social distancing can be accomplished, one visitor until patient is taken into prep</li> <li>One visitor when patient is in recovery and preparing for discharge</li> </ul>
<b>Adult In-Patient</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Up to two visitors permitted at same time</li> </ul>
<b>Pediatrics</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two parents or guardians may visit at the same time, unless COVID+ and PUI guideline applies</li> <li>Siblings may be permitted for end of life</li> </ul>
<b>Immunocompromised</b>	<p><b>No Visitors</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exception: one parent or one guardian of pediatric patients for the duration of stay</li> <li>Exception: one visitor, must be same person, for patients with intellectual, developmental, or other cognitive disability for the duration of stay</li> <li>Exception: one visitor, must be same person, for patients receiving end of life care</li> </ul>
<b>Psychiatry</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One visitor, must be same person for duration, may be permitted</li> <li>Permission to visit is granted at discretion of care team</li> <li>Permission to visit must be approved by care team in advance of visit</li> </ul>
<b>End of Life</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No limit on number of visitors permitted, provided care team approves and deems it is safe and feasible to meet social distancing guidelines</li> </ul>