



FRANCISCAN ALLIANCE VISITOR RESTRICTIONS: September 2020

Hospitals will continue screening all visitors to determine if they are at risk for COVID-19 or other communicable diseases. Those who do not pass screenings will not be permitted to enter the hospital. **All visitors will be required to wear a mask, practice social distancing, and practice good hand hygiene.** Visitors must be 18 or older.

1. **Inpatients:** Non-COVID-19 patients may have 1 designated visitor per day to help provide continuity and maximize safety. Ideally, visitors are those identified as involved in on-going caregiving/support for the patient and will be able to assist with education and caregiving once the patient is ultimately released from the hospital.
COVID-19 inpatients may not have visitors.
2. **Critical Care Inpatients:** Non-COVID-19 critical care inpatients may have 1 designated visitor at a time to help provide continuity and maximize safety. Ideally, visitors are those identified as involved in on-going caregiving/support for the patient and will be able to assist with education and caregiving once the patient is ultimately released from the hospital. COVID-19 critical care inpatients may not have visitors.
3. **Labor & Delivery:** A laboring woman will be allowed one visitor, a spouse or partner during labor and delivery. In addition, a labor coach will be allowed.
4. **NICU:** Mother and significant other will be allowed to visit child in NICU with daily screening for temperature and COVID-19 symptoms required. Failure to pass screening will result in a denial of visitation. (In extraordinary and end-of-life situations, the facility may allow an additional 1 - 2 visitors to visit, provided proper social distancing and PPE usage are followed.)
5. **Emergency Room:** Patients may have 1 designated visitor per day to help provide continuity and maximize safety. Ideally, visitors are those identified as involved in on-going caregiving/support for the patient and will be able to assist with education and caregiving once the patient is ultimately released from or admitted to the hospital.
 - a. Victims of sexual assault have the right to an advocate, as stated in SEA 146. If requested by the patient, a victim advocate may be present during a medical forensic exam.



6. **Outpatients/Ambulatory:** Non-COVID-19 patients may have 1 designated visitor per day to help provide continuity and maximize safety. Ideally, visitors are those identified as involved in on-going caregiving/support for the patient and will be able to assist with education and caregiving.
7. **Surgery:** Non-COVID-19 patients may have 1 designated visitor per day to help provide continuity and maximize safety. Ideally, visitors are those identified as involved in on-going caregiving/support for the patient and will be able to assist with education and caregiving once the patient is ultimately released from the hospital.
8. **Non-COVID End-of-Life:** One visitor will be allowed for the duration. A second visitor will be allowed on a rotating basis with no more than two visitors at a time.
9. **COVID End-of-Life:** One visitor will be allowed to visit. The visitor must wear full PPE while in attendance.
10. **Minors & Non-Decisional Patients:** One visitor will be allowed only for patients that do not have actual or legal decisional capacity. Those include persons under 18, persons with dementia, and persons whose condition precludes obtaining an accurate history or decision making.
11. **Clergy:** The patient or their representative may request a member of the Franciscan Spiritual Care Department or outside (community) clergy to be present. Clergy must wear required PPE while in attendance.