



COVID-19 Positive Patient Visitation Guidelines

We want to take excellent care of your loved one while in the hospital. If your loved one is a COVID-19 positive patient, you must take additional precautions during visitation. The following guidelines are in place to help decrease the spread of COVID and for the safety of patients, staff members and visitors.

- Adult COVID-19 positive patients may have one visitor per day.
- Pediatric COVID-19 positive patients may have two visitors per day.
- Once you leave the hospital you may not return to visit the same day.
 - Visitor(s) may not rotate out with others during visiting hours.
- Please check with unit-based staff prior to entering the patient room.
- A staff member will assist you to wear the appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) – surgical mask with visor attached, isolation gown, and gloves.
 - Do not remove these items while in the patient room.
 - Removal of this required PPE while in the patient room places you at greater risk for contracting COVID-19.
- You may notice staff entering the room are wearing different PPE, that is because they are performing medical tasks.
 - During high-risk exposure procedures you will be asked to leave the room.
- Upon exiting the patient room, you must remove the PPE by placing it in the garbage, use hand sanitizer or wash hands, and apply a new surgical mask.
- Please limit visiting other locations while in the hospital.
- Be aware of the signs & symptoms of COVID-19 and do not visit if you have any of the following symptoms:
 - Fever
 - Chills
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Diarrhea
 - Nausea or vomiting
 - Body aches
 - Congestion or runny nose
 - Sore throat
 - Headache
 - New loss of taste or smell
 - Fatigue

If you are unable or unwilling to follow the guidelines, in-person visitation will be restricted.

MetroHealth cannot prevent you from becoming exposed to, contracting, or spreading diseases, including COVID-19, while you are a visitor at MetroHealth. Visitation may increase the risk of exposure to and transmission of COVID-19, even with the use of PPE and handwashing. You assume the risk of injury, illness and loss related to the possibility of contracting COVID-19 by being a visitor at MetroHealth as it is extremely contagious.