COVID-19: Visitor Restrictions Policy

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In an effort to continue to protect our patients, team members, and the community at-large during the COVID-19 outbreak, patient visitation is restricted and subject to the following requirements.

1. **Adult Patients**
   a. **University Hospital and Transitional Care Hospital**
      Patients can have 1 designated visitor identified for the length of admission. The designated visitor is permitted to visit at the bedside between 8AM – 9 PM. Designated visitors are not permitted to stay overnight at bedside.
   b. **Emergency Department, Clinics, and Outpatient Procedures**
      Patients can have 1 designated visitor. Similar to routine visitation, there may be times and locations when no visitors are permitted.

2. **Pediatric Patients**
   a. **University Hospital**
      Patients can identify 2 adult designated visitors. 1 designated visitor is permitted to be at the bedside 24/7. The designated visitors are permitted to take turns at the bedside.
   b. **Emergency Department, Clinics, and Outpatient Procedures**
      Patients are permitted to have 2 adult designated visitors. Only 1 designated visitor can accompany the pediatric patient to clinic visits and to other care areas, excepted where prohibited, i.e. ORs.

3. **Patients Under Investigation or COVID-19 Positive**
   No visitors will be allowed unless at end of life (follow Special Pathogen Unit guidance), pediatric patient or deemed necessary for the safety or well-being of a patient with a disability or other special need.

4. **Standard Exceptions**
   UVA Health has established standard exceptions for certain patients and circumstances, such as pediatric patients, patients with disabilities, transplant patients, patients giving birth, patients being discharged with complex discharge education, patients with a critical diagnosis or care planning, and patients at the end of life. Visitors and patients are informed of standard exceptions through visitor and patient education materials. Patients or visitors may also speak to their care team if they have questions about the visitation policy or exceptions.

5. **Visitation Requirements**
   - Visitors must be 18 years of age or older.
   - All visitors will be screened prior to building entry. Visitors who have tested positive for COVID,
have symptoms of COVID or have been exposed to a COVID positive individual, are not permitted to visit until they have completed a 10-day quarantine and are 24-hours symptom free.

- Visitors must wear a mask at all times within UVA Health buildings, including at the bedside and in clinic exam rooms. Visitors are encouraged to bring a mask from home, or one will be provided during the screening process.
- Designated visitors are permitted to access the cafeteria, eat in the seating area and use waiting areas (e.g. lobby, surgical waiting room, clinic waiting rooms). UVA Health retains the right to further limit this access if necessary.
- Designated visitors are not permitted to eat in patient rooms. The visitor must use a mask at all times.
- Large groups of visitors are not permitted to congregate in the public space.