

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 2 visitors at the bedside between 8AM –9 PM. 1 visitor is permitted to stay overnight at bedside. Overnight visitor must be an adult.

b. Emergency Department, Clinics, and Outpatient Procedures

Patients can have 2 visitors. Similar to routine visitation, there may be times and locations when no visitors are permitted.

2. Pediatric Patients

a. University Hospital

Patients can have 2 visitors at the bedside between 8AM – 9PM. 1 visitor is allowed at the bedside overnight. Overnight visitor must be an adult.

b. Emergency Department, Clinics, and Outpatient Procedures

Patients are permitted to have 2 visitors. Both visitors 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 patients giving birth, patients at the end of life, and patients requesting visits from clergy. 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 12 years of age or older.
- 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 upon entry.
- The public is 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.
- Visitors are not permitted to eat in patient rooms. The visitor must use a mask at all times.