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Hospital

## Visitation Guidelines

### Policy:

#### Visitation Guidelines

- Masks are recommended but not required. Masks may be required in some patient care areas to ensure safety of the patient.
- Inpatient Visitation is 9am-9pm daily. Max of four (4) visitors/caregivers in medical surgical areas and two (2) visitors/caregivers in specialty /ICU areas.
- Only (2) caregivers allowed after 9pm for patients.
- Parent/caregiver should be present in patient's room to receive other visitors, including clergy.

#### Visitation Restrictions:

Visitation restrictions may apply when:

- Clinically necessary
- Patient is on isolation
- Infection prevention practices dictate, including:
  - Parent's family and visitors who have fever, cough, or other flu/infectious symptoms are to visit.
  - Siblings and children under the age of 12 are not allowed to visit when seasonal visitation guidelines are in place (October 1st- March 31st each year).
- Siblings/Children under the age of 18 are not allowed to visit in the PICU or NICU.

#### Special Visitor Precautions:

- Siblings/Children will be screened for at the unit level before entering Mother Baby or HROB units to ensure they are symptom free.

- Siblings must be accompanied by and supervised by an adult caregiver (not the patient).
- Flu vaccine is recommended for Visitors in critical care units.
- Visitors/Caregivers who have received live viral vaccines in the last 30 days are not permitted to visit certain immunocompromised patients (Hematology/Oncology, NICU patients).
- Outpatient Clinics - due to space limitations visitors within this area should be limited. Exceptions may be made for mothers without child care, etc.
- With Clinical Administrator or manager approval, exceptions to this policy may be made to meet patient/family needs.

## Visitation Guidelines Informational Graphic

**USA HEALTH**  
CHILDREN'S & WOMEN'S HOSPITAL  
visitation guidelines

 **9am - 9pm**

**2** caregivers at bedside:  
Emergency Department  
OB Evaluation  
PICU and NICU  
Hope and OB Clinic  
Surgical Services

**4** caregivers at bedside:  
Labor and Delivery  
(1 at bedside for L&D OR)  
Pediatrics Medical / Surgical  
High Risk OB  
Women's Complex Care  
Mother/Baby

 **9pm - 9am**

**2** caregivers at bedside:  
all units

*Guidelines are subject to change by management based on infection control recommendations, safety of*

patients, healthcare personnel and the community.

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## Attachments

[USA Health Children's & Women's Visitation Guidelines](#)

## Approval Signatures

Step Description	Approver	Date
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