

# VISITATION LEVELS

Effective: August 16, 2021

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No visitation for patients with COVID-19. Exceptions are:

<b>COMPASSION VISIT</b> (end of life circumstances)	<b>LABOR AND DELIVERY</b> 1 visitor	<b>PEDIATRICS</b> 1 parent / guardian	<b>PASTOR/CLERGY</b> GREEN AND YELLOW by patient request RED: compassionate visits only
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Visitation for patients without COVID-19: Levels are based on the number of COVID-19 cases in the community, as well as conditions in our healthcare facilities such as number of COVID positive patients, unless otherwise directed by the CDC/government authorities.

LOCATION	GREEN LEVEL Low Transmission	YELLOW LEVEL Moderate Transmission	RED LEVEL High Transmission All waiting rooms closed
HOSPITALIZED INPATIENT UNITS	2 visitors at a time. Visitors may rotate. A support person may stay overnight if deemed appropriate by hospital staff.	1 visitor at a time. A support person may be allowed to stay overnight if deemed appropriate by hospital staff.	1 visitor allowed. Visitor encouraged to remain in room, but may exit room with mask to obtain meals/snacks.
CRITICAL CARE / ICU	2 visitors at a time. Visitors may rotate.	1 visitor at a time. Visitors may rotate.	ICU visitors are given instructions upon patient admission.
EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT	1 visitor per patient. 2 parents/guardians are allowed for pediatric patients. A visitor may accompany patient into lobby. Lobby visitation may be restricted as needed.	1 visitor per patient. 2 parents/guardians are allowed for pediatric patients. A visitor may accompany patient into lobby. Lobby visitation may be restricted as needed.	1 visitor once the patient is settled in their ED room. 2 parents/guardians are allowed for pediatric patients. No lobby visitation.
OUTPATIENT SURGERY	1 visitor per patient at a time.	1 visitor per patient.	1 visitor per patient preoperatively.
TESTS AND PROCEDURES	1 visitor per patient as space/social distancing permits in testing/procedural area and/or waiting room.	No visitors unless special assistance is required or recommended by provider. Pediatric visitors with parent obtaining test is allowed when appropriate.	No visitors unless special assistance is required or recommended by provider. Children accompanying patients are strongly discouraged for safety precautions.
INPATIENT SURGERY	2 visitors at a time. Visitors may rotate. A support person may stay overnight if deemed appropriate by hospital staff. Waiting room is located on ground floor for surgery waiting. 2 visitors per patient allowed to wait in surgery waiting.	1 visitor per patient. A support person may stay overnight if deemed appropriate by hospital staff. Waiting room is located on ground floor for surgery waiting. 1 visitor per patient allowed to wait in surgery waiting.	1 visitor allowed. Visitor encouraged to remain in room, but may exit room with mask to obtain meals/snacks.
LABOR AND DELIVERY	2 visitors at a time. A support person may stay overnight if deemed appropriate by hospital staff. Siblings are allowed.	1 visitor at a time. A support person may stay overnight if deemed appropriate by hospital staff. Siblings are allowed.	1 support person; A support person may stay overnight if deemed appropriate by hospital staff.
PEDIATRICS	2 parents/guardians	2 parents/guardians	2 parents / guardians
PASTORS/CLERGY	For members of congregation or at patient's request	At patient's request	At patient's request for compassionate visit.
PSYCHIATRY	1 visitor per patient during designated visiting hours	Virtual visitation as appropriate	Virtual visitation as appropriate.

- Visitors must be at least 16 years of age. All visitors are subject to screening. If a visitor is symptomatic, we have the right to decline visitation at that time. Visitors must wear a mask and sanitize their hands. Visitation guidelines are subject to change if safe physical distancing is not possible.
- When you cannot visit in person, we encourage virtual visitation using apps such as Facebook or FaceTime. Staff will work with you to facilitate virtual visits.
- Special assistance: circumstances where a patient's physician/care team have determined that a visitor is critical to a patient's physical or emotional well-being.
- The patient's physician or care team may make compassionate visit exceptions when appropriate (for example, end of life or altered mental status).
- During Red Level - Visitors must remain in designated areas only. Hallway travel is only permitted to and from rooms.
- Visitors for patients with COVID-19 will be allowed by appointment only with approval of the patient's care team. Visitors will be screened in the Main Lobby and escorted to and from the unit. Education and assistance will be provided on appropriate PPE.
- COVID-positive visitors may be allowed as compassionate exceptions. Education and assistance will be provided on appropriate PPE. Visitors will be met in the front lobby with appropriate PPE where they will be escorted to and from the unit.
- Vendors allowed only for direct patient care, for example, surgery.
- Visitors allowed to pick up prescriptions from pharmacy. Must wear mask and be symptom free.
- Decatur Morgan Hospital reserves the right to limit or restrict visitation at times under certain circumstances.