



## Children's Visitation Guidelines and Visitor Screening Process

**Applicable Units:** All Children's areas\*

These guidelines apply to any individual, regardless of age, receiving care in a children's area/unit.

### Visitation Guidelines for Patients in Children's Areas/Units

- All patients receiving care in a children's area/unit, regardless of age, may have one parent/guardian or spouse visit.
  - If an adult patient (>18 yo) currently receiving care in a children's area/unit is subsequently transferred to an adult unit, adult visitation guidelines will apply.
- Parent/guardian may alternate visitation with the other parent/guardian. An [exception](#) to allow two parents/guardians or visitor in the room simultaneously may be made in end-of-life situations.
- The parent/guardian or spouse should exit the premises via the most direct route and should not be in other areas of the hospital.
- Failure of parent/guardian to follow visitor guidelines / PPE requirements may result in loss of visitation privileges.

*\* Hospital inpatient units, procedural areas, Valvano Day Hospital, hospital-based ambulatory clinics, pediatric emergency department*

### Visitation Guidelines for Pediatric Patients Under Investigation (PUI) or Confirmed COVID status

- One parent/guardian or spouse may stay at the bedside of Patients Under Investigation (PUI) or confirmed to have COVID-19, regardless of the patients age, if the parent/guardian or spouse is asymptomatic. If parent/guardian or spouse is symptomatic, they should not visit.
- Parent/guardian may alternate visitation with the other parent/guardian. An [exception](#) to allow two parents/guardians or visitor in the room simultaneously may be made in end-of-life situations.
- No other visitors are allowed while patient is on Special Airborne Precautions.
- Parent/guardian or spouse should exit the premises via the most direct route and should not be in other areas of the hospital.
- Parent/guardian or spouse should be instructed how to don and doff the appropriate PPE:
  - Gown
  - Gloves
  - Shoe covers
  - Ear loop mask
- Meals with disposable tray/cutlery will be provided for parent/guardian remaining in patient's room. Parent/guardian may enter ante-room space and remove mask to consume food/beverages.
- If patient's COVID-19 test result is negative, isolation will follow established policies for the identified pathogen or will be based on patient symptoms, as applicable.
- Failure of parent/guardian to follow guidelines may result in loss of visitation privileges.

## Visitor Screening Process

Beginning Monday, March 16, our hospitals and clinics began operating with health screenings for everyone entering our facilities and restrictions in place for visitors to protect against the spread of COVID-19. We have operationalized designated screening areas at main entrance points for all hospital and clinic sites. Everyone is required to sanitize their hands, put on a mask, have their temperature checked and answer questions about symptoms of illness and exposure risks. If a visitor is found to have symptoms related to COVID-19, they will be given information about what to do and asked to return home to help prevent the potential spread of illness.

Parent/guardian/spouse visitor will not be allowed to enter our hospital between 9:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. except in the event of an emergency.

For parent/guardian or spouse remaining in patient's room overnight, a process has been developed where unit designee(s) will rescreen and provide new armband daily eliminating the requirement for the parent/guardian to leave the floor. Parent/guardian or spouse who choose to exit building will be rescreened at point of re-entry and provided with appropriate colored armband.

All visitors will wear masks in addition to our team members and patients. All visitors and patients will wear masks in common spaces, such as waiting rooms, cafeterias and hallways. Visitors/caregivers will be provided one Duke-issued surgical mask per day. They can choose to use personal homemade masks, if available. Patients will be issued surgical masks. Hospitalized patients do not need to wear masks in their rooms.

Role	Responsibilities
Hospital Unit Coordinator (HUC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Print Maestro census for screener.</li> <li>• Provide to the designated screener(s) each day upon their arrival to the unit.</li> <li>• Review completed screening census log and notify Charge Nurse of any families that missed screening for follow-up.</li> <li>• Place daily screening census logs in a notebook in designated area on the unit.</li> </ul>
Screener	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report each day at 7:45 am to CHC 1901 to obtain armbands screening script and information sheet for positive screens (English and Spanish).</li> <li>• Screener should obtain ear loop/surgical masks and gloves from the DMP cafeteria (Logistics supply location)</li> <li>• Conduct screening between the hours of 8:00 am to 12:00 pm, going from room to room on each unit.</li> <li>• Do not enter a room that has a "Special Airborne Precaution" sign on the door.</li> <li>• For every room being screened, please request visitor to step outside the room while maintaining a 6 feet distance between the screener and visitor.</li> <li>• If a parent/guardian is found to have symptoms related to COVID-19, provide information sheet about what to do. Ask parent/caregiver to return home to help prevent the potential spread of illness.</li> <li>• Initial next to each room when a parent/caregiver is screened or write "not screened" next to rooms when no parent/caregiver is present.</li> <li>• Return census report to each unit's HUC at end of shift.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Return extra armbands, masks, and screening tools to CHC 1901 at the end of each shift.</li></ul>
Charge Nurse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Instruct families who miss the screening window to go to the first floor of the hospital for screening.</li></ul>