

SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19)

Visitation Guidelines

This document has been reviewed and approved by Kern Medical Infection Control & Chief Medical Officer.

- Due to COVID-19, Kern Medical is restricting the number of visitors at our hospital and clinics during this time to protect our staff, physicians, patients, and visitors.
- Visitors must provide proof of identification and 1) Proof of a negative COVID-19 test completed within no greater than 72 hours* or 2) Proof of completing vaccination for COVID-19 with either one dose of Johnson & Johnson Janssen vaccine or two doses of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine. There must be at least 14 days since receiving the last dose.

These visitation guidelines are effective as of Monday, October 4, 2021 until further notice. These guidelines may change as circumstances require.

EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT

- **Permit 1 visitor per day for each adult; 2 visitors per day for pediatric patients**
- **1 visitor for COVID-19+ or rule out COVID-19 pediatric patients**
- **Exception: end of life patients**
- **No exchange of visitors**

MATERNAL HEALTH - LABOR & DELIVERY (OB)

- **2 visitors per encounter selected by "Mom" to be present during labor and birth**
- **1 visitor for COVID-19+ patients**

NEONATAL ICU (NICU) & PEDIATRICS

- **2 "banded" visitors, may be alone or together, per day - NICU**
- **2 parents/visitors per patient, per day - Pediatrics**

AREAS ALLOWING ONE VISITOR PER PATIENT, PER DAY

- **Maternal Health (Post-Partum)**
- **Post-Anesthesia Care Unit (PACU)**
- **Outpatient clinics**
- **Areas where a pediatric patient is being treated, i.e., Radiology**
- **Diagnostic Treatment Center**
- **Acute Care (2C, 3C, 3D, ICU/DOU)**
- **Outpatient Ultrasound at Columbus Clinic**

One overnight visitor per patient will be permitted in the Pediatric unit and Maternal Health

Visiting Hours are 8:30am to 8:30pm

AREAS WITH NO VISITORS

- **Behavioral Health Unit**
- **Outpatient Radiology**
- **All Other Areas of Hospital**

- Please arrange for those who cannot enter the hospital or clinics to wait elsewhere. If Kern Medical waiting rooms are used, please socially distance.
- Exceptions may be considered to any of the above guidelines in certain situations, such as: trauma patients, comfort care, pastoral care, end of life, or patients reliant on an advocate for their care.
- Children under the age of 18 may not visit or enter the hospital or clinics unless seeking care.
- Visitors who do not have a medical mask will have one provided.

**Proof of a negative test is not required if proof of a positive COVID 19 test within no greater than 90 days is provided.*