

# SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19)

## Visitor Restrictions

*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.

**These visitor restrictions are effective as of Tuesday, September 29, 2020 until further notice. These visitor restrictions may change as circumstances require.**

### EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT

- **Permit 1 visitor per encounter for each adult; 2 visitors per encounter for pediatric patients**
- **1 visitor for COVID-19+ or rule out COVID-19 pediatric patients**
- **No visitors for COVID-19+ or rule out COVID-19 adult patients**
- **Exception: end of life patients**
- **ED visitors will not be allowed to “follow” patients who are admitted**
- **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**
- **No exchange of visitors**

*Visitors to Emergency Department and Labor & Delivery will be provided medical masks*

### AREAS ALLOWING ONE VISITOR PER PATIENT, PER DAY

- **Pediatrics**
- **Neonatal ICU (NICU)**
- **Maternal Health (Post-Partum)**
- **Pediatrics in Post-Anesthesia Care Unit (PACU)**
- **Outpatient clinics**
- **Areas where a pediatric patient is being treated, i.e., Radiology**

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

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

### AREAS WITH NO VISITORS

- **Behavioral Health Unit**
- **Diagnostic Treatment Center**
- **Outpatient Radiology**
- **Acute Care - 2C, 3C, 3D, ICU**
- **All Other Areas of Hospital**

Please arrange for those who cannot enter the hospital or clinics to wait elsewhere and not in the waiting rooms or in the areas immediately in front of the hospitals or clinics.

Exceptions may be considered, including trauma patients, comfort care, 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.

Everyone entering the hospital and clinics must undergo screening, including all staff, physicians, and visitors.