

# SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19)

## Visitation Guidelines



*Effective Date: Wednesday November 16, 2022. Guidelines may change as circumstance requires. Visiting Hours: 8:30 am – 8:30 pm (exception made for overnight visitors)*

Due to COVID-19, Kern Medical is restricting the number of visitors at our hospital and clinics to protect our staff, physicians, patients, and visitors. Visitors are asked to refrain from visiting if they have any COVID-19 symptoms or have tested positive for COVID within the past 10 days. COVID-19 vaccination and boosters are recommended for visiting but are not required. Masks must be worn at all times. Visitors who do not have a mask will have one provided. **Visitors under the age of 18 are not allowed.**

### EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT

- **1 visitor at a time for each adult patient**
- **2 visitors per day for pediatric patients**
- **Exception: End of Life patients**
- **No exchange of visitors for COVID-19+ patients**

### MATERNAL HEALTH - LABOR & DELIVERY (OB)

- **1 visitor per encounter selected by “Mom” to be present during labor and birth**
- **1 visitor for COVID-19+ patients**
- **1 visitor per day for each Mother/Baby in the Post-Partum units**

### NEONATAL ICU (NICU) & PEDIATRICS

- **2 “banded” visitors, may be alone or together, per day - NICU**
- **2 parents/visitors per patient - Pediatrics (exception - 1 overnight visitor)**

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

- **Post-Anesthesia Care Unit (PACU)**
- **Areas where a pediatric patient is being treated, i.e., Radiology**
- **Outpatient Radiology**

### AREA ALLOWING ONE VISITOR AT A TIME, PER PATIENT

- **Behavioral Health Unit (2 visitor per patient only - with a maximum of 8 visitors total at a time on the unit)**
- **Acute Care including ICU, DOU, 3D, 3C, and 2C**
- **All Other Areas of Hospital**

Outpatient clinic visitors will be restricted based on the patient condition and need for support. Please arrange for those who cannot enter the hospital or clinic to wait elsewhere. If Kern Medical waiting rooms are used, use the waiting room closest to the area of treatment and 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. Special consideration may be made based on the situation and any End of Life situations and/or approval from nursing/unit supervisor/house supervisor.