



Visitation Guidelines SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19)

Effective Date: Friday, January 7, 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. Therefore, visitors must provide proof of identification and:

- Proof of a negative COVID-19 **test** completed within 72 hours* OR
- Proof of completing a COVID-19 primary vaccination series with **two** doses of a Pfizer or Moderna (mRNA) vaccine with or without receiving a booster 5 months after completing the primary series OR
- Proof of completing a COVID-19 primary vaccination series with **one** dose of the Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) vaccine with or without receiving a booster 2 months after completing the primary series

EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT

- **1 visitor per day for each adult patient (1 for COVID-19 Positive adult patients)**
- **2 visitors per day for pediatric patients (1 for rule-out COVID-19 pediatric patients)**
- **Exception: End of life patients**
- **No exchange of visitors. Please designate one representative visitor per patient.**

MATERNAL HEALTH - LABOR & DELIVERY (OB)

- **2 visitors per encounter selected by “Mom” to be present during labor and birth**
- **1 visitor for COVID-19 Positive 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 parent/visitor per patient, per day – Pediatrics (exception- 1 overnight visitor)**

AREAS ALLOWING ONE VISITOR PER PATIENT, PER DAY

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

AREAS WITH NO VISITATION ALLOWED

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

Please arrange for those who cannot enter the hospital or clinic 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. Special consideration may be made for Children based on End of Life situations and/or approval from nursing / unit supervisor / house supervisor

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.*