

## COVID-19 Visitation Information

To protect our patients, families, and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic, we have put guidelines into place that limit visitation until COVID-19 is no longer a threat. We know that these are trying times and thank you for your patience and understanding.

### General Information

#### EVERYONE visiting must:

- Be free of COVID symptoms and a COVID diagnosis and must **not** be waiting for COVID test results.
- Wear a face mask that fits well covering the nose and mouth **at all times**.
  - Masks **must be worn by everyone** even those who have been fully vaccinated.
  - Valved masks are not permitted. If you do not come with an appropriate mask, one will be given to you.
  - Any person refusing to wear a mask will not be allowed to visit.
- Practice social distancing, keeping 6 feet from others at all times.
- Stay in the patient's room at all times except when using the bathroom.
- Clean hands each time you enter and exit a patient care area.
- Remove gloves while in a Beaumont building.
- Leave the Beaumont building as soon as your visit is over.

**Eating is discouraged during your visit** since masks must be removed to eat. However, if you must eat while visiting, ask staff where it is safe to do so.

**Anyone under the age of 16 is not allowed to visit** except under extreme conditions as approved by leadership.

**You may be asked to leave** a patient care area if safety or social distancing cannot be maintained.

**Each person visiting must complete a Health Assessment** by answering COVID-19 screening questions each time they come to Beaumont.

- People screening positive will not be allowed to visit.
- People screening negative will be given a "sticker" that must be worn at all times.

**When needed, additional Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) will be provided by Beaumont and must be worn at all times.**

**If you are at high risk for COVID-19 complications**, please stay home. **Stay connected** with your loved one by hospital room phone, cell phone, text messaging, video chats.

- Select one person to be your "family contact person" and set up a schedule with your loved one's nurse to receive daily updates and participate in medical discussions, shift change report, or discharge planning.
- Patients may borrow a Beaumont-owned iPad or tablet to connect with you via Video App. Directions for Apps can be found here [patients](#) and [family members](#)
- Record messages, music, prayers etc. and give to your loved one's nurse so they may play it for them.

#### COVID-19 Screening

- ✓ COVID diagnosis in past 14 days
- ✓ COVID test pending
- ✓ Exposure to someone with COVID within past 14 days
- ✓ Fever > 100.0° F
- ✓ New cough
- ✓ New shortness of breath
- ✓ New flu like symptoms such as body aches
- ✓ New onset diarrhea
- ✓ Recent loss of taste or smell

**Fully Vaccinated Visitors Exception – Patients DO NOT need to meet "exception criteria"**  
**Individuals who have completed COVID-19 vaccination (are 14 days post final dose) and can provide proof of COVID 19 vaccination may visit patients who do not have or are not suspected of having COVID-19.**

**One person per day is welcome at the bedside.**

**Proof of vaccination requires:**

- **Completed Vaccination Record Card and photo identification.**
- **A photo of Vaccination Record Card is acceptable.**

## Visitation Guidelines

### *Patients who do not have or are not suspected of having COVID-19:*

#### **NO VISITATION (EXCEPT)**

##### **ONE SUPPORT PERSON PER DAY may visit for the following:**

- Woman with pregnancy complications.
- Person who is in serious or critical condition, with leadership approval.
- Adult with disability who needs help with communicating or managing anxiety.
- Person being admitted to the hospital. Once the patient has registered, the support person should leave the building.

##### **TWO SUPPORT PEOPLE PER DAY may visit for the following:**

- Children (21 years of age or under) not in Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). Families of babies in NICU must talk with the doctor/nurse about NICU visitation.
- A laboring woman may have birth partner and a second person IF the second person is a doula.
- Patients being evaluated for/on hospice care or nearing end of life.

### *Patients who have been diagnosed with or are suspected of having COVID-19:*

#### **NO VISITATION (except)**

##### **ONE SUPPORT PERSON OR PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN PER DAY may visit for the following:**

- Woman in labor, pre-term labor, or requiring C-section, pre-natal testing, procedure, or genetic counseling.
- Child who is 21 years of age or under.
- Adult with disability who needs help with communicating or managing anxiety.
- Patient being admitted to the hospital. Once the patient has registered, the support person should leave the building.
- As approved, patient who needs a support person to learn how to care for them after discharge.

**TWO SUPPORT PEOPLE PER DAY** may visit a patient who is being evaluated for/on hospice care or nearing the end-of-life.

### *Surgery, Outpatient Appointments, and Emergency Center Care*

#### **Outpatient Care – a support person may accompany a patient to an appointment for the following:**

- **TWO PARENTS/LEGAL GUARDIANS** (for children under 21) may attend outpatient visits.
- **ONE SUPPORT PERSON** for outpatient tests, procedures, or treatment where support is needed to assist patient in getting to and from the appointment. Arrangements must be made in advance. Others must wait outside of the building until the patient is ready to leave.
- Patients must not bring children <16 to appointment. Appointment must be rescheduled if childcare is not possible.
- If you have COVID-19 symptoms and are not seeking emergency care, please call your appointment destination from outside of the building to receive instructions.

**Emergency Center (EC)** - each site determines whether the support person may stay after the patient is registered or received by an EC staff member. Please check upon your arrival to the EC.

**Surgery** - **ONE SUPPORT PERSON (TWO PARENTS/LEGAL GUARDIANS for children under 21)** may be present.