

Inpatient Visitation Policy Changes

Notice for Current Patients

Beginning on Wednesday, December 8, we are altering our visitor policy to limit the number of visitors coming into our facilities. While unfortunate, this change is necessary due to the changing situation of COVID-19 in our region. Additionally, for the first time since the pandemic began, we have confirmed transmission of COVID-19 from visitors to our patients.

This new policy limits the total number of people visiting during an inpatient stay to two designated support people, only one of which may visit per day for adult patients. Pediatric patients are permitted their two designated caregivers at the same time. Please let your nurse know who you would like to name as your designated support people so they can be noted in your chart. Anyone not named will not be able to enter the facility.

We do sincerely apologize for the impact that this policy change may have on you and your loved ones.

Inpatient Visitor Policy

Effective December 8, 2021

Inpatient: Adult <i>Including Inpatient Rehab</i>	2 healthy designated support people permitted per hospital stay. Only 1 may visit per day. <i>No visitors permitted if patient is COVID+ or PUI unless in end of life care. Every effort will be made to facilitate remote visitation from loved ones until the patient is discharged or deemed to be no longer infectious</i>	5am - 9pm
	1 healthy designated support person may remain overnight as space allows. <i>Masking is required 24/7 regardless of whether the support person is sleeping.</i>	9pm - 5am
Inpatient: End of Life Care	Family presence at the end of life will be managed by the care team. In general, 4 family members at a time are welcomed for patients in end of life care.	24 hours
Inpatient: Pediatric	2 healthy designated caregivers permitted per hospital stay. Both are permitted to be present at the same time.	5am - 9pm
	1 healthy designated caregiver permitted overnight <i>Masking is required 24/7 regardless of whether the support person is sleeping.</i>	9pm - 5am
Inpatient: Labor & Delivery / Mother-Baby	2 healthy designated support people permitted on Labor and Delivery 2 healthy designated support people may permitted for post-partum stay on the Mother-Baby Unit. Only one may visit per day.	24 hours
Inpatient: Psychiatry	2 <u>vaccinated</u> , healthy designated support people permitted per hospital stay. Only 1 may visit per day <i>Due to the environment on these units, the support persons must be vaccinated. Support persons must be 18 years or older.</i>	5am - 9pm

We will continue to reassess our visitor policy as the situation with COVID evolves. More information about our visitation policy can be found online at [UVMHealth.org/MedCenter/Visitors](https://www.uvmhealth.org/medcenter/visitors)