



Visitor Restriction Update for Inpatients Effective June 14, 2021

Your safety and well-being are our top priority. Effective June 14, 2021, Duke Health has modified its visitation guidelines for inpatients based on recommendations from the CDC and our infectious disease experts.

Overnight Adult Inpatient Visitation Update

Duke Health inpatients may identify one of their designated visitors to visit overnight. In addition to all other visitation guidelines already in place, visitors must comply with the following guidelines while visiting overnight:

- At this time, overnight visitation is permitted by request of the patient.
- The overnight visitor must be one of the previously designated visitors. Adult inpatients may designate two support people age 18 or older for the entire length of stay in the hospital. *The overnight visitor may not be an additional designated visitor.*
- The overnight visitor must have completed their health screening at one of the hospital's designated entry points by 9 p.m.
- The overnight visitor must stay in the patient's room. If a visitor leaves a patient's room, they will not be permitted to re-enter until visitation hours begin again at 9 a.m. the following day.
- Overnight visitation is not permitted in shared patient rooms.

Additional Restrictions

- All visitors will wear masks in addition to our team members and patients who can tolerate them. Visitors may bring their own mask, or one will be provided.
- If visitors are feeling ill, they should refrain from visiting. No visitor with fever, cough, cold or flu-like symptoms will be permitted to enter.
- All visitors will be required to pass a health screening at one of our designated entry points. These screenings require everyone to sanitize their hands, put on a mask and answer questions about symptoms of illness and exposure risks prior to entering the hospital. Based on the results of this screening, visitors will be welcomed into the facility or asked to return to their car with instructions to follow up with their healthcare provider.
- No one should visit a patient if they have come into contact with someone who is under investigation or tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 14 days.
- Visitors are not permitted to eat in patient rooms.
- We also encourage you to use virtual means to connect with your loved ones using FaceTime and Skype, in place of in-person communication when possible.

We recognize these restrictions may be difficult for you and your loved ones. This is a challenging time, and the COVID-19 hospital visitor policy is intended to provide additional safeguards for our patients, families, visitors and team members. Thank you for your understanding and support of our commitment to safety.