



NVRH COVID19 Pandemic Visiting Policy

Effective November 10, 2020

To keep patients, visitors, and staff safe and healthy, NVRH is taking additional measures to prevent the spread of infection within the hospital, medical offices, and the community. ***No visitors for patients with a positive COVID test, or with a pending COVID test and with COVID symptoms and risks.***

Visitors/Partners in Care/Support Person limited to:

Inpatient:

- 1 consistent support person for patients requiring special assistance*
- 1 consistent support person of patients in the Birthing Center
- 2 parents or 1 parent and 1 support person for pediatric patients
- 2 consistent support people for patients receiving end-of-life care

Emergency Department:

- 1 consistent support person for patients requiring special assistance*
- 2 parents or 1 parent and 1 support person for pediatric patients in the ED
Enhanced communication such as teleconferencing and regular updates from the care team.
For patients receiving end-of-life care, visits will be managed by the care team.

Diagnostic Imaging:

- 1 support person for people requiring special assistance*/pediatric patients

Outpatient Surgery:

- 1 consistent support person for patients requiring special assistance*
- 1 person escorting patients before and after procedure
- 2 parents or 1 parent and one support person allowed to accompany pediatric patients

Infusion Room:

- 1 consistent support person for patients requiring special assistance*/pediatric patients

Outpatient Medical Offices, Outpatient Laboratory Draws, Cardio/Pulmonary Rehab, Respiratory Services -

No visitors/family members with these exceptions:

- 1 support person for people requiring special assistance*
- 2 parents or 1 parent and 1 support person for pediatric patients

Restricted Entrances: *All NVRH buildings and clinics will be restricted and everyone who enters will be screened (for fever and symptoms and travel history) prior to entering any building.*

- Patients and their partners in care will be required to wear a mask at all times.
 - *Partners in care who refuse to wear a mask will be asked to leave.*
- Visitors/support people under quarantine through state mandates will not be permitted to enter.
- Patients under quarantine and/or exhibiting symptoms *may* be asked to reschedule appointments.

The NVRH Cafeteria, Cherry Wheel Gift Shop, and Medical Library are not open to the public.

State of Vermont Agency of Human Services. Revised Minimum Standards for Visitation Policies and Procedures for all Vermont Hospitals.

<https://www.healthvermont.gov/sites/default/files/documents/pdf/Updated-Hospital-Visitation-Guidance.pdf>

**"One additional and consistent support person may be permitted in circumstances such as for a patient who requires assistance to access care or assistance in providing detailed medical history."*