



## NVRH COVID19 Pandemic Visiting Policy

### Effective November 10, 2020

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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 during labor and delivery 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."