

NVRH COVID19 Pandemic Visiting Policy

Effective April 1, 2021

Inpatient visitor departure time: _____ (1 hour limit per visitor)

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. (Exception: for support person for Birth Center and pediatric patients.)

Fully Vaccinated Visitors Allowed Under these Conditions

Fully vaccinated means 14 days out from second dose of Pfizer and Moderna and 14 days out from single dose of Johnson and Johnson.

For the Medical Surgical Unit, ICU, and Birth Center

- Visiting hours are daily from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Provide proof of vaccination, including the COVID-19 Vaccination Card.
- Wear a mask at all times. Mask must fully cover nose and mouth.
- Remain in the patient's room for the duration of the visit. No congregating in waiting areas, lobbies, hallways, or the cafeteria before, after, or between visits. Use only visitor designated bathrooms.
- No more than 2 consistent visitors per patient per day. 2 parents or 1 parent and 1 support person for pediatric patients.
- Each visitor is allowed 1 hour to visit.
- Visitors may be limited by the healthcare provider based on volume and capacity. Visiting hours and time restrictions do not apply to pediatric patients or patients on comfort measures only.

Emergency Department

- Provide proof of vaccination, including the COVID-19 Vaccination Card.
- Wear a mask at all times. Mask must fully cover nose and mouth.
- Remain in the patient's room for the duration of the visit. No congregating in waiting areas, lobbies, hallways, or the cafeteria before, after, or between visits. Use only visitor designated bathrooms.
- No more than 1 consistent visitor per patient. 2 parents or 1 parent and 1 support person for pediatric patients.
- Visitors may be limited by the healthcare provider based on ED volume and capacity

Outpatient Surgery

- Provide proof of vaccination, including the COVID-19 Vaccination Card.
- Wear a mask at all times. Mask must fully cover nose and mouth.
- 1 person to escort the patient before and after the surgery/procedure only. No congregating in waiting areas, lobbies, hallways, or the cafeteria. Use only visitor designated bathrooms.

Outpatient Clinics and Medical Offices, Outpatient Services including Diagnostic Imaging and Respiratory Services

- Provide proof of vaccination, including the COVID-19 Vaccination Card.
- Wear a mask at all times. Mask must fully cover nose and mouth.
- Remain in designated areas for the duration of the visit. No congregating in waiting areas, lobbies, hallways, or the hospital cafeteria. Use only visitor designated bathrooms.
- No more than 1 visitor per patient. 2 parents or 1 parent and 1 support person for pediatric patients.

Due to space limits, no vaccinated visitors allowed for outpatient laboratory services, or infusion services on second floor.

Non-vaccinated 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*
- 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 Clinics and 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.

- Visitors will be required to wear a mask at all times, regardless of vaccination status.
- Visitors 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 Library are not open to the public.