

NVRH COVID19 Pandemic Visiting Policy

Effective May 7, 2021

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.)

All Visitors and Partners in Care/Support Persons must:

- 1. WEAR A MASK AT ALL TIMES. MASK MUST FULLY COVER NOSE AND MOUTH.**
- 2. 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.**
- 3. USE ONLY VISITOR DESIGNATED BATHROOMS.**
- 4. COMPLY WITH RESTRICTIONS SET BY THE HEALTHCARE PROVIDER BASED ON VOLUME AND CAPACITY.**

Fully Vaccinated Visitors

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

- Visiting hours are daily from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Visitor must provide proof of vaccination, including the COVID-19 Vaccination Card.

Inpatient Departments (Medical Surgical; ICU; Birth Center)

- No more than 2 consistent visitors per patient per day.
- Patients at end of life: 2 daily visitors in addition to 2 designated support people. No more than 2 visitors in the room at any time.
- Patient requiring a support person per Vermont State guidance*: 2 daily visitors in addition to the 1 designated support person. No more than 2 visitors in the room at any time.

Emergency Department

- No more than 1 consistent visitor per patient.
- 2 parents or 1 parent and 1 support person for pediatric patients.

Outpatient Surgery

- 1 person to escort the patient before and after the surgery/procedure only.

Outpatient Clinics and Medical Offices, Outpatient Services including Diagnostic Imaging and Respiratory Services (including prenatal visits and ultrasounds)

- No more than 1 visitor per patient.
- 2 parents or 1 parent and 1 support person for pediatric patients.

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

Partner in Care/Support Person (Vaccinated or Non-vaccinated)

(note: visiting hours do not apply for these exceptions)

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.*

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

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

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

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.

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