

NVRH COVID19 Pandemic Visiting Policy

Effective June 2, 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.

Only Fully Vaccinated People Can Visit

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

- Visitor must provide proof of vaccination, including the COVID-19 Vaccination Card.

Medical Surgical Unit and ICU

- Visiting hours are daily from 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- No more than 2 visitors per patient at a time, visitors may rotate in and out.

Birth Center

- Visiting hours are daily from 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- No more than 2 visitors per patient at a time, visitors may rotate in and out.
- 2 support people for laboring patients.

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 support person per patient.
- 2 parents or 1 parent and 1 support person for pediatric patients.

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.

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

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."

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 support people for patients receiving end-of-life care, may rotate

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) prior to entering any building.

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