Visitation During COVID-19 Pandemic

Guideline

Ventura County Medical Center, Santa Paula Hospital and Ambulatory Care Clinics may limit visitors for patients during the declared local health emergency due to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic.

Procedure

General Visitation Process

A. Due to the documented community transmission of COVID-19, there will be no visitors allowed in the hospital except for:
   1. Parents of hospitalized children
   2. Significant other of a laboring woman.
   3. Exceptions to these restrictions can be made in specific circumstances, with approval from the House Supervisor or Administrator on Duty:
      a. example: End-of-life care

B. All visitors must check-in at a point of entry and participate in a mandatory COVID-19 screening.
   1. Visitors may be screened for flu-like symptoms, such as fever, cough or sore throat, depending on the situation.
   2. Visitors returning from international travel may not visit until they have been in the United States, symptom-free, for 14 days.
   3. Visitors who have successfully completed the COVID-19 screening and met all criteria will be issued a wristband, be identified as having cleared the screening process, and then can proceed to their destination.
   4. No visitors under the age of 18 shall be allowed unless they are parents of hospitalized children, or the significant other of a laboring woman.
   5. Service animals will continue to be allowed entrance.

C. Visitors are restricted to patient rooms, and should only briefly be in the lobby, waiting areas, common spaces, cafeteria, or any other area within the hospital or campus.
Visitors to Labor & Delivery, OB Postpartum, Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU), Pediatrics and Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU)

A. All visitors shall check in at the nursing unit.
B. No family members/friend other than designated visitors may be in the hospital. This includes all common areas.

Labor & Delivery and OB Postpartum:
A. Only one adult visitors per laboring/delivered mother.
   1. Must not be sick.
   2. Must not have had contact with anybody that is a PUI.
   3. Single visitor may be less than 18 years old if significant other to the laboring mother.
B. If the patient is a PUI, the mother shall be limited to one visitor, who is not ill.
C. A laboring mother must also have trained doula accompanying her in addition to her significant other

NICU, Pediatrics and PICU:
A. Only two visitors shall be permitted. This shall be the same two visitors for the entire stay and:
   1. Must not be sick.
   2. The visitor themselves, nor anyone in their household, can not be a PUI.
   3. Must be over 18, unless they are the parents of the hospitalized child
   4. Consider virtual visits.

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