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Restricted Visiting Policy:

To protect our staff, patients, and community during the outbreak of COVID-19, visitor restrictions will occur. **Routine visiting will be suspended in UW Medicine hospitals until the transmission of COVID-19 is no longer a threat to our patients, staff and community.**

Visitors will be allowed in based on the exception list outlined below.

The exception list applies provided there is **absence of symptoms on screening:**

- Obstetric patients may have one partner and one birth support person accompany them.
  - No children under the age of 16
- Patients who are under the age of 18
  - May have one visitor, or parents or guardians
  - Must stay in the room for the duration of the visit
- For the Nursery/Neonatal Intensive Care Unit:
  - Birth parent plus one significant other
  - Must stay in the room for the duration of the visit
- Patients who are at the end-of-life may have only 2 visitors.
  - Must stay in the room for the duration of the visit
- Patients with disruptive behavior, where a family member is key to their care, may have only 1 visitor.
  - Must stay in the room for the duration of the visit
- Patients who have altered mental status or developmental delays (where caregiver provides safety) may have only 1 visitor
  - Must stay in the room for the duration of the visit
- Patients who require a home caregiver to be trained
  - Must stay in the room for the duration of the visit
- Patients undergoing surgery or procedures may have 1 visitor
  - Visitor to leave medical center as soon as possible after the procedure/surgery
- Patients who are receiving lodging services as part of their medical treatment plan are excluded from the visitor restriction policy.
- Visitors may not remove **any** supplies or equipment from the medical center. Escalate to a supervisor immediately if noted.
- Patients who have an appointment at a UW Medicine hospital based clinic, laboratory, radiology or are visiting the Emergency Department may have 1 person with them.
- Restrictive policy includes UW Medicine Employees that have family members who are in the hospital.
- **No visitors will be allowed in rooms of Persons Under Investigation (PUIs) or COVID-19 positive patients (unless at end of life).**
- **No other visitors will be allowed in the medical center at this time.**
  - Any exceptions to this policy must be cleared by the clinical area administrator.
- Entrance will be limited at each organization to ensure appropriate screening can occur for the visitors in the exception list.