

# Visitation Guidelines for Covid-19 Management

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### Providence Saint Joseph Medical Center

### **Emergency Department**

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) has directed hospitals to place strict limitations on visitation. Effective immediately, each patient may have only ONE VISITOR for entire visit (see table on back for unique circumstances).

Visitors MUST:

- ✓ EITHER provide documentation that they have been fully vaccinated (see list of acceptable vaccination documentation on back)
- ✓ OR provide documentation that they have had a negative COVID test in the last 72 hours (see list of acceptable verification of negative Covid test on back)

Please remember that the intent is to PROTECT YOUR LOVED ONE and the entire community. Our Providence caregivers and providers are here to provide care to you and your family.

### **Important Reminders/ Process-Flow**

- I. All visitors must be screened at the point of entry **by the screeners.**
- II. All visitors must arrive masked and remain masked while in the medical center.
  - a. Providence Saint Joseph Medical Center has the right to refuse a visitor if they cannot wear a mask due to a disability or medical condition.
- III. **Visitors may stay with patients (regardless of vaccination status or proof of negative Covid test) until triage and intake process is completed, and pertinent information is obtained.**
- IV. Visitors who are vaccinated or have proof of negative Covid within 72 hours can stay with the patient. These visitors will have a green ✓ on their visitor badge.
- V. If the patient falls into one of the **UNIQUE CIRCUMSTANCES** (listed on back) one visitor may stay regardless of vaccination status. These will receive a blue ●
- VI. If the visitor is unvaccinated or does not have verification of negative Covid test they will receive a red X on their visitor badge. Please obtain a phone number to establish a communication plan. Politely ask the visitor to leave and assure them that their loved one will be cared for, and they will be updated.
- VII. All visitors must come directly to the patient room and remain with the patient.
- VIII. The nurse is ultimately responsible for ensuring that our visitors understand and follow our guidelines for visitation. If the visitors cannot adhere to those guidelines, the visitation may be discontinued.
- IX. In unique circumstances, visitors may visit patients who are Covid + or Patients Under Investigation (PUI). In these cases, the nurse will meet the visitor as they arrive and assist them in donning (and later doffing) Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). The nurse will politely excuse them from the room during any Aerosol-Generating Procedure (AGP), including the required period after such procedure. The nurse may excuse them from the room in the interests of safety or privacy.

<b><u>EITHER</u></b> <b>Verification of FULL Immunization</b>	<b><u>OR</u></b> <b>Verification of Negative COVID Test within 72 Hours</b>
<p><b>Fully vaccinated individuals are those for whom fourteen days have passed since they received both doses of a 2-dose series (Pfizer or Moderna) or a single-dose vaccine (Johnson and Johnson).</b></p> <p>Acceptable documentation includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card (Original, Photocopy, or Digital Copy)</li> <li>✓ Documentation of vaccination from a health care provider</li> </ul>	<p><b>Anyone who is unvaccinated or only partially vaccinated may still visit by providing documentation of a negative SARS-CoV-2 test where the specimen was collected no more than 72 hours prior to the current time. <u>Self-administered home tests are not acceptable.</u></b></p> <p>Acceptable PCR or Antigen testing must be</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Authorized by the FDA or</li> <li>✓ Operating per the requirements of the US Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.</li> </ul> <p>If you need assistance locating a testing facility, please see <a href="https://covid19.lacounty.gov/testing/">https://covid19.lacounty.gov/testing/</a></p>

### **UNIQUE CIRCUMSTANCES**

<b><u>Patient Type / Location</u></b>	<b><u>Number of Support Persons</u></b>	<b><u>Visitation</u></b>	<b><u>Vaccination / Testing Verification</u></b>
Patients with physical, intellectual, and/or developmental disabilities (as recognized by ADA) and patients with cognitive impairment.	One designated support person	No restrictions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Waiting room</li> <li>• Triage</li> <li>• In room</li> </ul>	Waived
Minors / Pediatric Patients	One designated support person	No restrictions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Waiting room</li> <li>• Triage</li> <li>• In room</li> </ul>	Waived
<b>CRITICAL PATIENTS</b> STROKE AMI ALTERED PREGNANCY (as determined by clinical team)	One designated support person	No restrictions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Waiting room</li> <li>• Triage</li> <li>• In room</li> </ul>	Waived
Imminent Death / Recently Deceased	Up to two visitors at a time	No restrictions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Waiting room</li> <li>• Triage</li> <li>• In room</li> </ul>	Waived