

Patient Visitation Guidelines

- Four Visitors at a time for adult inpatient units, no limit of total Visitors per day, from 8:00am – 8:00pm (exceptions noted below)
- For any patient on isolation precaution their visitors must wear appropriate PPE while in the Hospital
- Any patient under 21 may have two parents/guardians present
- All Visitors must be over 12 years of age (exceptions noted below)
- Visitors/Support Persons, including Clergy, must check in and check out via the Main Lobby or Car-Freshner Center for Women and Children (when appropriate)
- All Visitors/Support Persons must wear a hospital-issued identification badge, indicating the correct color of the day
- Anyone may visit the cafeteria, coffee shop and gift shop while in the Hospital – all public wishing to use these entities must also check in at the Main Lobby
- Samaritan Medical Center may restrict visitation for any visitor exhibiting any signs of illness (ie. fever, vomiting, and/or diarrhea). We encourage any person not feeling well to postpone their visit to the hospital until they are feeling better.
- If a staff member is visiting a patient (on or off-duty), they must also check in at the Main Lobby.

Continuous Visitation Exceptions:

- Patients with cognitive impairments (ie. Dementia), intellectual and/developmental disabilities and sensory or physical impairments – Two (2) Support Persons can be present at all times
- Patients at End-Of-Life/Comfort Measures: Six (6) total Visitors/Support Persons at a time during general visiting hours of 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. Two (2) support persons patients may be present at all times. Compassionate exceptions are approved by the Charge Nurse and Nursing Supervisor.

Unit or Department	Visiting Hours (7 days a week)	Total Number of Visitors Allowed at Bedside	Children Under 18 Allowed with Adult Supervision
Adult Inpatient Units (4Pav, 4Pratt, ARU, 5Pratt, PCU)	8:00am - 8:00pm	4	Yes; age 12 and older
Intensive Care Unit	12:00pm - 8:00pm	2	No
Emergency Department	Unrestricted	1	No
Car-Freshner Center for Women and Children: Labor and Delivery	Unrestricted	2	Yes; age 12 and older
Car-Freshner Center for Women and Children: NICU	Unrestricted	2 (Must be parents/guardians)	No
Car-Freshner Center for Women and Children: Mother/Baby and Pediatrics	Unrestricted	2	Yes; same household
Inpatient Mental Health Unit (by appointment only)	2:00pm – 5:00pm	1	No
Outpatient Testing/Clinics/Medical Practices/Walker Center for Cancer Care	Unrestricted	2	No
Outpatient Infusion Unit	Unrestricted	1	No
Surgical Unit	Unrestricted	2 (1 in pre and post operative areas only)	No

Any exception for visitors will need to be approved by Charge Nurse AND Nursing Supervisor and communicated to the Main Lobby at x. 4194.