Due to the increasing number of COVID patients we are caring for and the pressure on our staff, we are instituting emergency changes to our Visitor Guidelines.

Visitors must comply with PPE requirements (this includes mandatory masks on campus. Other measures may be required upon arrival) and might be excluded from having visitation privileges if they fail to pass the screening process.

To ensure the safety of both patients and staff, as well as to allow staff to more fully focus on patient care, the follow changes are being made:

**Effective Wednesday, November 25:**
COVID Positive Patients: No Visitors (see exceptions)
This policy will replace all other Visitor Guidelines (last updated 10.20.20) until further notice.

No visitors for COVID positive patients, except for:
- Compassionate care for patients at end of life
- Patient has a disability that requires assistance with making care decisions or with daily living activities.
  Reference SB1606

**Effective Friday, November 27:** Outpatients No Longer Allowed Visitors
Due to facility space limitations and our ability to manage both social distancing and the OR-OSHA's cleaning protocols for public areas, patients coming for outpatient services – day surgery, imaging, lab, heart center procedures, wound care, infusion services, pulmonary function – will no longer be allowed a visitor, unless the patient has a disability that requires assistance. Reference SB1606

**Effective Friday, November 27:** Changes in Visiting Hours for Inpatients Hospital-wide
Visiting Hours will now be from 2-6 p.m. every day

**What’s Not Changing:**
- Emergency Department patients may continue to have one visitor (if the ER patient is admitted, the visitor may accompany the patient to their room, but is asked to leave promptly after patient is settled if before or after visiting hours)
- Family BirthPlace patients may have one support person, no visitors
- For inpatients without a COVID diagnosis, one visitor per day (only during new visiting hours of 2-6 p.m.)
- No visitors under the age of 12