



# COVID-19 VISITATION GUIDELINES

Effective November 3, 2020

Per the “Safer at Home” state order issued by Alabama Governor Kay Ivey and the State Health Officer Dr. Scott Harris, each patient of this facility enjoys certain rights to have one caregiver or one visitor present at a time, subject to reasonable restrictions. ***Compliance with these guidelines by all parties, to include disinfection and social distancing measures, is required at all times.***

## COVID-19 & Symptomatic PUI (person under investigation) Patients

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- COVID-19 positive or symptomatic PUI patients **will not** be allowed to have a visitor or a caregiver present at the bedside except in the following situations:
  - Pediatrics – parent/guardian
  - End-of-Life Patients – spouse/significant other/adult child
  - One Caregiver will be allowed to remain with individuals with special needs (i.e., stroke, language barriers, dementia, etc.)

***\* The patient populations listed above are restricted to one caregiver at a time \****

## Non-COVID-19 & Asymptomatic PUI (person under investigation) Patients

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- One Caregiver will be allowed in situations where his/her presence improves the patient’s safety, emotional well-being or physical care. The one caregiver must:
  - Be competent in his/her ability to improve the care and understanding of the patients.
  - Follow Universal Masking Guidelines:
    - Patients and Caregivers should be wearing their own face covering upon arrival to the facility and **MUST** wear it at all times. If they do not have a face covering, a facemask should be offered as supplies allow, which should be worn while they are in the facility at all times.
    - Face coverings can be made of a variety of materials, including cloth, for the purpose of Universal Source Control.
    - Face coverings should not be placed on children under the age of 2, anyone who has trouble breathing, or anyone who is unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.
    - Individuals, who are unable to wear a mask, **will not** be allowed to visit due to the increased risk of disease transmission.
  - Agree to practice appropriate hand hygiene and limit the touching of surfaces in patient care areas.
  - Stay in the room: Caregivers are asked to remain in the patient’s room and not leave the department or roam the hospital except for basic personal needs (examples include: food, restroom)
  - Comply with entrance screening: Cullman Regional will continue limited and monitored points of entry, with active Caregiver screening upon entry.
  - Caregivers are encouraged to limit rotating in and out of the facility; however, we understand that this may be necessary at times. Therefore, caregivers are asked to limit any changes to a maximum of one caregiver change per day.
  - In the **Emergency Department** only one Caregiver will be allowed for the duration of the patient’s stay due to the need to limit unnecessary exposures. The Caregiver will not be allowed to rotate with any other Caregiver during the entirety of the patient’s stay in the Emergency Department.