

SCBHS Hospital and Emergency Department Visitor Guidelines

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Hospital inpatients and patients in the emergency department will be allowed visits by two healthy, screened individuals.

Designated visitor(s) must remain the same for the entire patient stay.

**Please Note: Once the designated visitor(s) leave, he/she will not be able to re-enter that day.*

Exceptions to the Above

- Compassionate exceptions may be made under certain circumstances, allowing additional visitors. This will be determined on a case-by-case basis.
- Pediatric patients (patients under 18 years of age) will be allowed two legal guardian/parent visitors.
- Patients requesting spiritual care will be allowed one clergy member, in addition to their two visitors.

Guidelines for Approved Visitors

- All visitors will be screened for symptoms consistent with COVID-19. Visitors who do not pass the screening will not be allowed to accompany a patient into the facility.
- Once approved visitors are allowed in with the patient, they are **NOT** to allow other visitors into the building.
- Visitors must always wear a mask and symptom-screening sticker while in the facility.
 - SCBHS will provide a mask if they do not have one. Any visitor who does not comply will be asked to leave.
- **Once a visitor has been screened and allowed in, they must stay in the patient's room unless directed by hospital staff.**
- Visitors under the age of 18 will not be allowed.
- Visitors must use hand hygiene frequently when in the building.
- If there are capacity issues in the waiting area, visitors may be asked to wait in their car or outside the building.

- SCBHS staff will provide instruction to approved visitors before entering patients' rooms: hand hygiene, social distancing, limiting surfaces touched, and the use of PPE according to hospital policy.