

MMH Temporary Visitation Policy Update effective September 8th, 2020:

To prevent the spread of COVID-19, and to protect the patients in our care, Midland Memorial Hospital has returned to a policy of limited visitation. The change in our visitation policy is due to the increase in COVID-19 cases in Midland County.

Effective Friday, June 26 at 5:00am, visitors for most inpatients and outpatients will not be allowed at Midland Memorial Hospital

- The only point of entry to the hospital for patients and visitors will be the Emergency Department entrance and Main Entrance. The Main hospital entrance will be open from 5am to 5pm, Monday – Friday, for all outpatient services and visitors. The ED entrance will remain open 24/7 but should only be used for ED patients and visitors while the Main Entrance is open.
- Card access to all other doors of the facility will be deactivated. The sliding glass doors near the Medical Staff Office will remain accessible with badge access for employees and physicians only. The display of an employee badge will be required for employees to enter the facility.

The ONLY exceptions to this visitation policy are:

- Government personnel (wristband issued at entrance)
- Adult family members of end-of-life or critically ill patients (wristband issued at entrance)
- Adult family members of patients needing critical assistance (wristband issued at entrance)
- Mothers on the Labor and Delivery unit will be allowed 1 support person* and 1 Doula during the birthing process. One support person on the Mother Baby unit.
- Pediatric patients will be allowed 1 parent or guardian. Parents/guardian may switch out during the day. 1 parent/guardian may stay with the patient at all times, including overnight. (wristband to be issued by pediatric staff)
- NICU limited visitation will follow the most current guidelines.
- Requests for exemption need to be directed to the Clinical Manager of the unit.

NO PERSON UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE WILL BE PERMITTED AT OUR FACILITIES UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, UNLESS THEY ARE HERE TO RECEIVE MEDICAL TREATMENT OR HAVE BEEN EMANCIPATED AS AN ADULT AND ARE HERE IN A PARENTAL/SPOUSAL CAPACITY.

EACH VISITOR WHO MEETS THE EXCEPTION CRITERIA ABOVE MUST BE IN GOOD HEALTH & SYMPTOM FREE

*Every visitor who enters the facility will be screened for symptoms with questions listed in the screening process at entrances to the facility. **No one who is currently experiencing illness symptoms (fever, sore throat, cough, or shortness of breath) will be permitted to visit patients.***

All support persons coming to the hospital will be screened and need to have a face covering, such as a mask, scarf, or other fabric covering their nose and mouth. Support persons will be required to wear a face covering at all times while in the building, perform frequent hand hygiene, and restrict their visit to only the patient's room or other area designated by the hospital staff. Any support person refusing to or unable to wear a face covering will not be permitted in the building or will be required to leave if already in the building.

*Support Person is a family member, friend, or other individual who is at the hospital to support the patient during the course of the patient's stay. Such individual may, but does not have to be, an individual legally responsible for making medical decisions on the patient's behalf.