

MMH Temporary Visitation Policy Update effective **June 1, 2020**:

Implement the following visitation rules if no/low confirmed positive cases in house and no/low community activity (community acquired cases or “hotspots”):

- COVID positive patients will continue to be in isolation and will not be allowed visitors. We encourage use of alternative mechanisms for patient and visitor interactions such as video-call applications on cell phones or tablets.
- Patients on our inpatient units will be allowed 1 identified support person* during the hours of 6am to 8pm.
 - All support persons must exit the building at 8pm. A support person who needs to stay overnight would be considered only on a case by case basis for extenuating circumstances. Approvals for overnight stays are through the clinical care team.
- Patients in the ED will be allowed 1 support person* for the duration of their stay in the ED. If the patient is admitted, they would fall under the inpatient visitation guidance.
- Outpatient services will be allowed 1 support person* for the duration of their stay.
- Mothers on the Labor and Delivery unit will be allowed 1 support person* and 1 additional coach/partner for no more than 2 persons at one time during the birthing process. Doulas would be considered a coach and would count towards the 2-person maximum.
- Pediatric patients will be allowed 2 parents or guardians for no more than 2 persons at one time. 1 parent/guardian may stay with the patient at all times, including overnight.
- NICU limited visitation will follow the most current guidelines.
- Other Guidelines related to visitation
 - Congregating in waiting rooms or lobbies is not allowed. Gathering spaces and waiting rooms will remain closed.
 - Support person may be changed based on extenuating circumstances.
 - No children or person under 18 years of age will be permitted at any Midland Health 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 capacity.
 - Visitation may be revoked at any time and without notice based on current hospital conditions.
 - 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.
 - Valet services and the employee gym remain suspended/closed. The status of these items will be evaluated during the month of June and as Governor Abbott announces further steps in Open Texas.
 - The Cafeteria/Market has opened with reduced seating, consistent with Open Texas guidelines.
 - Volunteer services return will be evaluated on an ongoing basis.

*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.