

For the safety of our patients, staff, and community, pediatric visitation is limited during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The new surge of highly contagious Delta variant SARS-CoV-2 requires that the Herman and Walter Samuelson Children's Hospital minimize the number of visitors who could potentially infect our vulnerable patients who are too young for vaccine. We must limit the number of parents or caregivers for your child to only those essential. Visitation restrictions are difficult for patients and families, but our mutual goal is to protect your loved ones

What to Expect When You Arrive

Screening: All visitors are screened upon arrival for recent exposures, fever, and symptoms of Covid. **No one with signs and symptoms of active Covid-19 may visit patients in our hospital. The exception is that a child with Covid disease may have one parent who has Covid or is a Person Under Investigation (PUI) stay in their isolation room, providing that caretaker remains well enough to comfort and assist the child.**

Masks: All hospital staff and visitors must wear a mask. On hospital entry visitors will be provided with a disposable hospital-grade mask. **The mask should fit closely, always covering mouth and nose.** Masks must be worn by parents and caregivers who are allowed outside of the child's room and whenever any of the hospital staff enter the child's room. **Wearing a mask keeps everyone safe.**

Infection Prevention Practices: Masking, handwashing or sanitizing and social distancing must be followed by all visitors and will be reinforced throughout the hospital.

No children are permitted to visit at this time. We understand how difficult it can be to make childcare arrangements for siblings, but this is necessary for the safety of your child and other children on the pediatric unit.

When a pediatric patient does not have Covid and is not PUI

No more than 2 healthy parents or caregivers can visit patients in the Pediatric Unit. They must be 18 or older, unless they are the parents. These two must be the same care partners throughout the stay. They should remain in the child's room as much as possible. Completely asymptomatic caregivers may use the parent nutrition area on the unit or leave the unit to get food from inside the hospital but must exercise infection control practices at all times and return to the room promptly.

When a pediatric patient has Covid-19 or is PUI for COVID-19

Pediatric patients who have COVID-19 or are being evaluated for COVID-19 may have only one parent or caregiver accompany them, who must stay in the patient's room for the duration of the patient's admission, **providing that caretaker remains well enough to comfort and assist the child.**

This parent or caregiver will be provided meals through Hospital Room Service. Any food brought into the hospital may not be placed in community refrigerators or microwaves. We have a limited number of patient specific refrigerators.

Staying in Touch: COVID-19 visitor restrictions may limit your ability to visit loved ones in the hospital, but you can still connect. Your nurse has information on Zoom & FaceTime calls.