

Visitor Policy

Effective September 20, 2021

Temporary Visitor Restrictions

LCMC Health remains committed to providing a safe environment for our employees, physicians, and other members of our team, as well as patients and their loved ones. In response to the increase in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations across the State of Louisiana, LCMC Health will modify its visitor policy post Hurricane Ida, effective September 20.

Adult Inpatient and Outpatient Care:

COVID-19 Negative Patients:

- Visitation of patients, who are not COVID positive, will be limited to one visitor/patient support person (18 years or older) per day.
- One visitor, for non-COVID patients, will be allowed to stay overnight.
- Exceptions will be made for patients in end-of-life care or critical illness on a case-by-case basis and at the discretion of hospital administration.
- Inpatient Behavioral Health visitation will be determined by hospital specific unit guidelines. Visitors should coordinate with treatment teams for approved visitation hours.
- Visitor entry into the hospital is only allowed between 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. seven days per week.

COVID-19 Positive Patients:

- COVID-19 Positive patients are currently not allowed visitors.
- Exceptions will be made for patients in end-of-life care or critical illness on a case-by-case basis and at the discretion of hospital administration.
- Communication with patients can be coordinated, contact the care team for more information.

Pediatric Inpatient and Outpatient Care:

- Inpatients are allowed two healthy adult visitors – including parents/guardians.
- These two people will have 24-hour access to the patient area.
- Siblings and other children under 18 are NOT allowed at the hospital.
- Exceptions will be made for patients in end-of-life care on an individual basis.
- Outlined below are individual cases where visitors are a necessary part of the patient's care and therefore will be permitted.

Family Birthing Center:

For laboring, antepartum, and postpartum patients, two adult visitors, one of which may be a doula, are allowed per patient per day. All visitors must be 18 years of age or older. One of the same adult visitors may also stay overnight.

Emergency Department:

Visitation to the Emergency Department may be further restricted by physical space limitations and acuity of patients within the Emergency Department. One visitor may be permitted at the discretion of hospital administration.

Screening and Mask Process:

All visitors will be required to clear a health screening prior to entering the facility.

All visitors must wear a mask at all times while in the facility, including while in a patient's room.

Thank you for your support and continued trust in our care..