

Nebraska Medicine Interim Guidance for Visitors of Suspected and Defined COVID-19 Patients

Please avoid all non-essential visitation to Nebraska Medicine. All visitors of Nebraska Medicine must adhere to infection prevention rules like hand hygiene and isolation precautions in order to protect patients, staff, visitors, and students. Failure to comply with these regulations will result in the visitor being escorted from facility.

Visitors with a respiratory symptoms should not come to Nebraska Medicine to visit. This puts all patients, healthcare workers, and visitors at risk.

Patient under investigation for COVID-19:

- Visitation will be allowed for those who are under investigation for COVID-19 but is limited to adult family or significant others who have already had prolonged, close contact with the patient who do not exhibit symptoms of respiratory illness such as cough, fever, sore throat, or sneezing.
- A maximum of one visitor is allowed in the patient room while under investigation for COVID-19.
- Children under the age of 18 are not allowed to visit a patient under investigation for COVID.
- Visitors who have not had prolonged, close contact with patient will not be allowed and should be encouraged to communicate with patient via alternative methods such as video chat or text messaging.
- Visitors of patients under investigation must comply with isolation precautions including hand hygiene, gown, surgical mask, and gloves. Failure to comply with isolation precautions result in being escorted from the facility.
- Visitors should only visit the patient room, and should avoid other locations within the institution such as the cafeteria, waiting room, convenience store, gift shop, etc. When visitors leave the patient room they should immediately leave the facility.
- If patient tests positive for COVID-19 visitors will be asked to leave the facility and contact their local health department for instructions regarding quarantine and symptom monitoring.

Patient Positive for COVID-19

- Visitation is not allowed for patients who are positive for COVID-19 except for extenuating circumstances that will be evaluated on case-by-case basis with Infection Control. Alternative communication such as video chat and text messaging is encouraged.
- Contacts of the patient are to follow up with their local health department for instructions regarding quarantine and symptom monitoring.

Visitor Positive for COVID-19

- Patients who have tested positive for COVID-19 must remain at their home and will not be granted access to the facility as a visitor until cleared by public health.

We thank you for working with us to ensure we can provide a safe place to care for all our patients, staff, visitors, and students.