

Visiting Hospital Patients

At Methodist Hospital, the safety of our patients, staff, physicians and visitors is our top priority. In our continuing effort to take all prudent precautions against the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19), the following visitation policy **is effective immediately**.

- All visitors will be evaluated for **COVID-19** before entering **the hospital**.
- **No visitors under 18 years old.**
- **Only one visitor at a time will be allowed.** If you leave the building you must be re-screened in order to re-enter the hospital.
- **Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for 20 seconds.**
- **Use the alcohol-based hand sanitizer outside the room often during your visit.**
- **Masks will only be provided if the patient is in droplet isolation.** Please ask the nurse if a mask is necessary.
- During the time of your visit, **please remain in the room** with your loved one. Please refrain from moving in and out of the room, standing outside the room, or meeting in a waiting room.
- Currently, **the cafeteria is available to employees only.** Vending machines are available in the waiting rooms should you need a snack, or you can request a guest tray with the patient's meal for a small fee.

Visiting Hours: General visiting hours are from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Rest Time: Methodist Hospital observes 'Rest Time' from 2 to 4 p.m. daily to allow patients to rest.

Waiting Areas: There are specially designated lounge areas for visitors on each patient floor and on the main floor in the lobby. Additional waiting areas are available for families of patients in critical care units, the emergency department and surgery.