

At Irwin County Hospital, we strive to ensure the health and safety of our patients as well as our visitors and staff. With the decrease of COVID19 variant cases, we have reviewed our visitation policy and are pleased to announce that beginning the week of March 7, 2022, we will be relaxing our previous visitation restrictions. Please see the following:

VISITING HOURS are 10AM to 8PM DAILY

All visitors **MUST WEAR A MASK** while in the facility. UPON ENTERING THE HOSPITAL, Visitors will be required to check in at admissions: **ANYONE WITH FEVER, CHILLS, COUGH, SHORTNESS OF BREATH OR DIFFICULTY BREATHING, FATIGUE, BODY ACHES, HEADACHE, NEW LOSS OF TASTE OR SMELL, SORE THROAT, CONGESTION, RUNNY NOSE, NAUSEA, VOMITING, OR DIARRHEA; IN THE LAST 14 DAYS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO VISIT.**

VISITATION WILL BE PERMITTED AS FOLLOWS:

In patients: admitted with non-infectious condition or those having surgery, may have 2 visitors at a time while a patient in our facility, during posted visiting hours only.

Obstetrical Patients: admitted to Labor and Delivery who are in labor, may have 2 visitors stay with them in the OB department throughout delivery. After delivery one visitor may remain during the patient's hospitalization as the patient's guest, patient is responsible for selecting their guest. All other visitors will be asked to abide by the visitation guidelines/ hours.

Outpatient Surgery/ Procedure: patients are permitted 1 visitor who may remain with the patient, this may be the designated care giver and/or driver. *

Emergency room: as these patients are emergent and potentially ill in nature, they will not be allowed visitors unless the visitor is considered an essential visitor. Essential visitors are defined as:

- a guardian of pediatric patient
- responsible for healthcare decision-making choices, communication and/or mobility.

For the safety of everyone, COVID19 or other Infectious condition patients are NOT permitted visitors at this time.

Visitors are **ADULTS ONLY**, no children may visit at this time. This means no one under **16** years of age is permitted. Please be aware that we may also limit enter & reentry to prevent contamination and or spread of disease. Overuse of this allowance may cause visitation privileges to be revoked. Please be aware that our hospital staff may enforce limited access to the hallways during peak patient flow times. Staff may also limit the exit & reentry to prevent contamination and or spread of disease. Overuse of this allowance may cause visitation privileges to be revoked. Hospital personnel may also, without notice, further restrict visitation due to an influx of COVID19 or other infectious patients within the hospital to prevent the possible spread of contagious diseases. This would only be done to protect patients and/or visitors should the situation arise.

You are also reminded that we are a **NON-SMOKING campus**, Patients /Visitors will not be permitted to exit/reenter the facility to smoke.

*Exceptions for extenuating circumstances such as the end-of-life concerns or other unexpected considerations, may be granted by the Physician, Administrator or Charge Nurse.

“WARNING, AS POSTED ON ENTRANCE: UNDER GEORGIA LAW, THERE IS NO LIABILITY FOR AN INJURY OR DEATH OF AN INDIVIDUAL ENTERING THESE PREMISES IF SUCH INJURY OR DEATH RESULTS FROM THE INHERENT RISKS OF CONTRACTING COVID-19. YOU ARE ASSUMING THIS RISK BY ENTERING THESE PREMISES”