COVID-19 Hospital & Clinic Visitor Policy

General COVID-19 Visitor Precautions:

1. Funnel and limit hospital entrance access (including vendors).
2. Screen all visitors upon entry for any symptoms of illness: fever, cough, body aches, chills, nausea/vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue. **If any of these conditions are present, the individual will not be allowed to enter the hospital as a visitor.**
3. All visitors sign-in and wear a visitor badge.
4. Visitors must wear a facemask or face covering at all times (this includes inside patient rooms). Educate visitors to perform frequent hand hygiene and restrict their visit to the patient’s room or other areas designated by the facility.
5. Managers/physicians/house supervisor have the discretion to limit the duration of visitation based on clinical considerations.
6. Age: No **visitors** under 18 years of age. **Exceptions may be granted only by the Chief Nursing Officer or Nurse Leader on Call.**

Visitation as Follows:

1. ALL patients on Medical Surgical Unit (MSU) and Patients who are under the age of 18:
   - Patients may have 1 visitor at a time in their room if conditions are met for entry as listed above.
   - Patients who require a home caregiver to be trained may have one visitor in addition to the caregiver.
   - Laboring mothers may have the other parent and one birth support person accompany them. The birth support person will go home after delivery is completed and mom/baby are stabilized (approximately 2 hours).
2. Patients on End-of-Life Care (ED or Med Surg):
   - Clergy or faith-based practitioners do not count as a visitor.
   - Up to 2 visitors at the bedside at one time (not counting clergy)
3. Lake Chelan Clinic/Outpatient Visits/Emergency Department:
   - **No visitors** unless medically necessary to the care of the patient (pediatric~ 1 parent, altered mental status, loss of consciousness).
   - OB Ultrasounds: May have one adult present, as long as criteria met for visitors as listed above.

*No visitors will be allowed in rooms of Persons Under Investigation (PUIs) who is over the age of 18 years-old or COVID-19 positive patients (unless at end of life)*

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