

# Temporary outpatient visitor guidelines

Frequently asked questions about COVID-19 restrictions

At OHSU, we believe that the support of friends and family is an important part of healing for a patient. In light of the COVID-19 coronavirus, we have had to make some temporary changes to our visitor policy to keep everybody safe.

## Who can be with a patient?

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- **No visitors** are allowed to go to an appointment with any **adult patient**.
- **1 healthy adult** (age 18+) per day come with a **child patient**.
- **For a child patient**, the adult must be able to provide consent (legally make health care decisions) for the child.

## What are the rules for being with a patient?

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- We request all visitors to either be **fully vaccinated** or have a **negative COVID-19 test result**, taken in the last 72 hours.
- Always wear a **mask**.
- Stay **6 feet** from others.
- Go through **screening checkpoints** when you enter buildings.
- **Clean hands** after entering the building.
- **Stay in the patient's room**.
- We may ask you to wait at home or outside if the patient is not in their room.
- We may limit visits in open treatment areas.

## How is OHSU keeping people safe in the hospital?

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- OHSU has always had strict controls in place to stop the spread of infection. We are taking extra steps to keep patients, staff and visitors safe from COVID-19 by doing things like:
  - Adding checkpoints at building entrances to screen everyone for COVID-19 symptoms
  - Using more video and phone visits
  - Requiring most non-clinical staff to telecommute

## How is OHSU responding to COVID-19?

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- OHSU always has plans in place for disease outbreaks, and we are participating with state and local public health officials to coordinate a regional response to the coronavirus. The goal remains to contain the spread of the virus, known as SARS-CoV-2. Learn about OHSU's response to the pandemic here: [COVID-19 Resources for Oregon](#).

Friends and family are important! Please connect with your loved ones often over the phone or through electronic communication.

➤ For more information on the coronavirus and COVID-19, visit [www.ohsu.edu/coronavirus](http://www.ohsu.edu/coronavirus).