

# Waiting for patients while they are in surgery

Rules during COVID-19 restrictions

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

**We update our guidelines based on the current COVID-19 situation. They may have changed since the last instructions we gave you. Thank you for helping us keep us all safe.**

## Safety instructions while waiting for a patient in surgery

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- Try **NOT to move around** the campus too much.
- Always wear an **approved mask** that fully covers your nose and mouth. It should be tight fitting and worn for the entire visit to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.
- If you do not wear your mask or other required protective gear to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, **we will ask you to leave.**
- **Stay 6 feet from others.**
- **Clean your hands** every time you enter or leave the hospital and any patient or exam room. Use hand sanitizer or wash with soap and water for 20 seconds.
- When the patient goes to surgery, **you should wait:**
  - ☑ At home or off the OHSU campus, if you can return at the time we give you, or
  - ☑ In your car in a spot with cell service, or
  - ☑ In designated areas on the ground floor of Casey Eye Institute (Level 2).
- **Please be ready** to take phone calls from us any time you are not with the patient.
- **We will call you** when the surgery is over to let you know how the patient is doing and to plan the next steps.