

# Temporary outpatient visitor guidelines

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. As of September 12, 2022, most patients can have 2 visitors with them in most cases (1 visitor for adult surgery and procedure areas).

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

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- We request (but not require) all visitors to either be **fully vaccinated** or have a **negative COVID-19 test result**, taken in the last 72 hours.
- If you were sick, tested positive or were exposed to COVID, you must **wait 10 days** before coming to OHSU.
- If you were on a cruise or traveled outside the country, you must **wait 10 days** before coming to OHSU.
- 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.
- Stay **6 feet** from others.
- Go through **screening checkpoints** when you enter buildings.
- **Clean your hands** every time you enter or leave the building and any patient or exam room. Use hand sanitizer or wash with soap and water for 20 seconds.
- **Stay in the patient's room.** Limit how much you move around the building (cafeteria, hallways, etc.).
- 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.
- If you do not wear your mask or other required protective gear, **we will ask you to leave.**

## 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 at [www.ohsu.edu/coronavirus](http://www.ohsu.edu/coronavirus).

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).