

# Temporary inpatient guidelines for visiting or supporting a patient

Includes day surgery and procedure units

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 at a time (1 visitor for adult surgery and procedure areas). **Hours for visiting most adult patients are 5 a.m. – 9 p.m.**

## What are the rules for visiting and supporting a patient?

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- We request (but not require) all who are visiting or supporting a patient to either be **fully vaccinated** or have a **negative COVID-19 test result**, taken in the last 72 hours.
- Answer the **screening questions** at [ohsu.edu/accesspass](https://ohsu.edu/accesspass) to see if it is safe for you to enter buildings. If you were sick, tested positive or were exposed to COVID, 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.
- **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.
- 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 to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, **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:
  - Screening for COVID-19 symptoms at [ohsu.edu/accesspass](https://www.ohsu.edu/accesspass) before people enter buildings
  - 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](https://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](https://www.ohsu.edu/coronavirus).