UAMS Visitor Guidelines

September 1, 2023

Patient Type	Guidelines	Visiting Hours	Overnight Visits
Hospital	 Visiting hours are 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Up to three visitors at a time All visitors under 18 must be with an adult (other than the patient) at all times With approval from the patient's care team, children under 12 may be allowed during visiting hours One adult may stay overnight with adult (non-ICU) patients in the patient room Patients near the end of life may have up to four visitors 24/7 	8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.	1 adult
NICU	 Check in at the nursing desk on the 5th floor for a visitor badge Siblings under age 12 who pass a health screening may visit from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Check with your nurse about staying overnight in the baby's room 	8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.	2 adults
COVID+	 One visitor (18 and older) at a time during visiting hours Must remain in patient's room unless asked to leave the room for certain procedures Must read the notice of risks and wear appropriate PPE at all times while with the patient Patients near end of life may have up to four adult visitors at a time No overnight stays unless patient is near end of life 	8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.	0
Emergency Department	 Two visitors per patient at a time (age 12 and older) In emergency situations, and with approval from the patient's care team, children under 12 may be allowed One visitor at a time if the patient is COVID-19 positive or being tested for COVID-19 due to symptoms. Visitor must read the notice of risks and wear a mask, gloves, gown, and eye protection and must remain in patient's room unless asked to leave the room for certain procedures 	24/7	
Surgery and Procedure	 Visitors are welcome during normal operating hours for each surgery and procedure area Visitors must be age 12 or older All visitors under 18 must be with an adult (other than the patient) at all times. Must be 18 or older to enter pre-op and post-op areas 	During normal hours of operation	

*Stem Cell, NICU, Labor & Delivery, and Psychiatric Institute patients may have additional guidelines. Ask your care team for more information. Clinical team members may make exceptions based on patients' clinical needs.

- Staff may ask visitors to leave for the safety and comfort of patients at any time.
- High-risk areas such as intensive care units, the NICU, cancer treatment areas may require visitors to wear a mask.
- Visitors who have respiratory symptoms such as fever, cough, runny nose, loss of taste or smell or who have tested positive for COVID in the past 10 days are not allowed at UAMS.
- Visitors to non-COVID patients are welcome in all UAMS dining locations during visiting hours.
- Visitors may not use a CPAP machine while in the hospital as this puts those around them at increased risk of infection.
- Patients and visitors are encouraged to use smart phones, tablets, and other technologies to keep patients engaged with others.

Visitors who do not follow these guidelines will be asked to leave UAMS. UAMS strongly recommends that visitors be fully vaccinated and boosted.