

COVID-19

Visitor Guidelines

FEBRUARY 2023



MASKING MAY BE REQUIRED IN CERTAIN AREAS

COVID NEGATIVE PATIENTS

Patient Type	Guidelines	Visiting Hours	Overnight Visitor
Hospital Patients	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Up to three visitors at a time (age 12 and older)Visitors may swap out during visiting hoursAll visitors under 18 must be with an adult (other than the patient) at all timesWith approval from the patient's care team, children under 12 may be allowed for a brief visit during visiting hoursOvernight visitors must spend the night in the patient room	8:00 AM – 8:00 PM	1 adult
NICU Patients	<ul style="list-style-type: none">One parent + one support person and up to four designated visitors for stayUp to three visitors at a time (age 12 and older)All visitors under 18 must be with an adult (other than the patient) at all timesWith approval from the patient's care team, children under 12 may be allowed for a brief visit during visiting hours	8:00 AM – 8:00 PM	2 adults
End-of-Life Patients	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Up to four visitors at a timeVisitors may swap outAll visitors under 18 must be with an adult (other than the patient) at all timesWith approval from the patient's care team, children under 12 may be allowed for a brief visit during visiting hours.	24/7	1 adult
Outpatient Appointments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">No restrictions on the number of visitors	During normal clinic hours	--
Emergency Department Patients	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Two visitors per patient visit (age 12 and older)Visitors may swap outIn emergency situations, and with approval from the patient's care team, children under 12 may be allowedVisitors must sign out of the Guest Tracking System and exit through the Emergency Department when leaving the hospital. Visitors must re-enter through the main lobby if the patient is admitted	24/7	--
Surgery and Procedure Patients	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Up to three visitors at a time (age 12 and 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 areasVisitors may swap out during visiting hours	During normal hours of operation	--

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ALL COVID VISITORS MUST WEAR PPE AT ALL TIMES

COVID POSITIVE PATIENTS

Patient Type	Guidelines	Visiting Hours	Overnight Visitor
Hospital Patients Not End of Life	<ul style="list-style-type: none">One adult (age 18 and older) visitor at a timeUp to two hours in the room per visitMust remain in patient's room unless asked to leave the room for certain proceduresMust read the notice of risks and wear appropriate PPE at all times while with the patient. PPE includes a mask, gloves, gown, and eye protectionVisitors may swap out each day during visiting hours	8:00 AM – 8:00 PM	0
End-of-Life Patients	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Four designated adult visitorsUp to four visitors at a timeMust remain in patient's room unless asked to leave the room for certain proceduresMust read the notice of risks and wear appropriate PPE at all times while with the patient. PPE includes a mask, gloves, gown, and eye protectionVisitors may swap out	24/7	--
Emergency Department Patients	<ul style="list-style-type: none">One visitor at a time if the patient is COVID-19 positive or being tested for COVID-19 due to symptoms. Visitors may swap outMust remain in patient's room unless asked to leave the room for certain proceduresMust read the notice of risks and wear appropriate PPE at all times while with the patient. PPE includes a mask, gloves, gown, and eye protection	24/7	--

*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.**

- A clergy member or religious or spiritual support person may visit patients in addition to the visitors outlined above.
- High-risk areas such as intensive care units, the NICU, cancer treatment areas may require visitors to wear a face mask.
- Hospital and Emergency Department visitors must wear a Guest Tracking System badge with their name and photo at all times.
- Visitors may leave UAMS and return the same day during visiting hours.
- 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.**

All visitation exceptions outlined in the UAMS Visitor Guidelines are made pursuant to A.C.A. § 20-6-401 et. seq., The No Patient Left Alone Act.