



Visitor and Support Person Guidance

Stoughton Health values the health of our patients, employees and the community. During this COVID-19 Pandemic, we are working hard to keep everyone safe.

Stoughton Health recognizes the value of support people for patients receiving healthcare services. We wish to include support people in care in the safest manner possible. Face to face visits by support people are permissible based on the guidance in this document.

Because COVID-19 is currently classified as community spread in our area, all people who leave their home and have contact with others assume some risk of contracting COVID-19. As a hospital, we are experienced with practices to prevent infection and ask that you contribute to our efforts to keep everyone safe during this time.

For support people entering Stoughton Health buildings during the COVID-19 Pandemic, the following guidelines have been implemented:

- Support people must be screened upon arrival to the hospital/outpatient clinics for the following (people screening positive will not be able to enter the hospital as a support person):
 - Have had none of the following symptoms within the last 10 days: Fever, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, chills, body aches, new loss of taste or smell
 - Have had no diagnosis of COVID-19 within the last 10 days
 - Have had no known close contact with a person a person with known COVID-19 within the last 10 days or have been advised to self-quarantine due to exposure to someone with COVID-19.
- Visitors will receive a wristband for Day Surgery, Inpatient Units, and the Emergency Department following screening.
- While inside Stoughton Health buildings, support persons must:
 - Cover their nose and mouth with a face covering. **THIS IS WITHOUT EXCEPTION.** Those who cannot tolerate a face covering will not be allowed to visit.
 - Respect physical distancing (maintain at least 6 feet away from others, even when wearing a face covering)
 - Stay in the room of the patient and limit movement within the facility.
 - Consider bringing items you might need for your visit including food/water, reading materials, etc.
 - If you decide to leave the building once you've been checked in for the day, you will not be allowed to re-enter until the next day.
 - Perform hand hygiene with alcohol based hand rub or soap and water:
 - Upon entering the facility
 - Upon entering the patient room
 - After touching persons or surfaces when within the facility
 - Before leaving the patient room
 - Before leaving the facility

For the safety of our patients, employees, and the community, support persons who are not able to comply with the above guidelines will be asked to leave.



Visitor Guidelines

- Visitor/Support person must be 16 years of age or older.
- A patient’s care team may make compassionate exceptions when appropriate. A request for a compassionate exception MUST be made prior to a clinic or outpatient appointment for proper review and consideration.
- Clergy, liaisons such as hospice workers, adult protective services, identified skilled nursing facility liaisons are not considered visitors and are considered part of the allowed care team.

COVID-19 Suspect/Confirmed Patients	No Visitors
Emergency and Urgent Care *excludes COVID-19 suspect/positive patients*	One Visitor/Support Person
All Inpatient Units Surgical Services Outpatient Hospital-Based Services Pediatric Patients Therapy/Rehab *excludes COVID-19 suspect/confirmed patients*	Two Visitors/Support Persons
End of Life Patients (includes COVID-19 suspect/positive patients)	Three visitors allowed in the building at one time (can switch in and out throughout the day). There are no age restrictions but an adult must be present with minors