

COVID- 19 Visitor Considerations

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No visitors are currently allowed at Stoughton Health Facilities.

At the discretion of the patient care team, support persons allowed within Stoughton Health Facilities are limited to:

- Parents/legal guardian of minors
- Activated Healthcare Power of Attorneys
- Support persons for patients whose mental, physical, or emotional abilities make a support person an essential part of caring for the patient.

When allowed, one support person/patient is allowed per 24 hours.

Support Persons Must:

- Understand the risk of COVID-19 when entering the facility (will have handout)
- Be screened upon each arrival to the building:
 - Be asymptomatic x 10 days
 - Be fever free x 3 days and on entry
 - Have no diagnosis of COVID-19 within the last 10 days
 - Have no known close contact with a person with known COVID-19 within the last 14 days and has NOT been advised to self-quarantine because of exposure to someone with SARS-CoV-2 infection
- Wear face covering which covers their mouth and nose at all times while in the building (should provide their own face covering)
- Stay in the patient's room whenever possible (exceptions include using the bathroom)
 - Support persons should not be in the room for Aerosol Generating Procedures.
 - Whenever reasonable, they should not be present for NP swabs (although it is preferable that they stay rather than being in common areas if they are already in the building)
- Be encouraged to bring supplies for the day to avoid movement within the hospital. This may include reading materials, food/drink. The Café is not open to visitors at this time.
- When support persons are allowed for patients with suspect/confirmed COVID-19, support persons should also be considered infectious. If these support persons enter the building, they must:
 - Be educated on risk of COVID-19 transmission
 - Be educated on proper use of PPE
 - Be educated on need for isolation/quarantine following patient contact
 - Be met at the front entrance by an employee from the patient's unit and escorted out (if not with patient on arrival).

Support Person Arrival/Wristbands:

- **All Support Persons must wear a green wristband when within Stoughton Health Facilities.**
 - Outpatient Support Persons: Wristband placed following screening
 - Inpatient Support Persons: Screening staff will contact the patient's unit for support person approval. Wristband placed following screening and unit approval.

Visitor Departmental Ready Reference



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Department	Patient has <u>NO</u> symptoms, exposure or other concern for COVID-19 (determined by clinical care team)	Patient has Suspected/Confirmed COVID-19 (determined by clinical care team)
Medical Surgical Unit	No Visitors Approved Support Persons 8am-5pm Only	Not Allowed (Virtual Visits Only)
Intensive Care Unit	No Visitors Approved Support Persons 8am-5pm Only	Not Allowed (Virtual Visits Only)
Emergency	No Visitors Approved Support Persons Only	
Urgent Care	No Visitors Approved Support Persons Only	
Surgical Services	No Visitors Approved Support Persons Only	
Outpatient Visits including Clinics, Lab, Medical Imaging	No Visitors Approved Support Persons Only	
Therapy/Rehab	No Visitors Approved Support Persons Only	
Geriatric Psychiatry	Not Allowed (Virtual Visits Only)	

Approved Support Persons:

At the discretion of the patient care team, may include: Parents/legal guardian of minors, Activated Healthcare Power of Attorneys, or support persons for patients whose mental, physical, or emotional abilities make a support person an essential part of caring for the patient.

Case by case exceptions will be considered by calling ICC at ext. 2395

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