

Visitors Policy

Here is our latest visitors' policy across the SBH Health System

Based on guidance provided by the New York State Department of Health, we have updated our visitors' policies to insure a safe environment for our patients and visitors during the latest COVID-19 surge.

Due to the increased cases of COVID-19, all visitors are prohibited across SBH Health System with the following exceptions:

- a. Inpatient Pediatrics (two designated support persons at all times)
- b. Patients in labor and delivery (a minimum of two support persons including a doula for the labor, delivery and remaining duration of the patient's stay)
- c. Patients with Intellectual and/or Developmental Disabilities (one support person to remain through hospitalization).
- d. End of life situations: (two support persons)

COVID-19 positive patients may have visitors in the following situations:

- a. Patients for whom a support person has been determined to be essential
- b. Patients in imminent end-of-life situations.
- c. Pediatric patient (two visitors/caregivers at a time)

Limited Access Emergency Department:

- a. Critical situations as determined by the staff
- b. Imminent end of life situations
- c. Patients for whom a support person has been determined to be essential
- d. Patients with cognitive impairments including dementia
- e. Pediatric patients – one visitor per patient; parent or legal guardian only

These policies are subject to change as we continue to closely monitor the situation. We greatly appreciate your cooperation.