

Visiting for Inpatient Visitation as of June 10, 2020

Berkshire Medical Center and Fairview Hospital have announced additional changes to visitation policies following new guidance from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health:

Inpatient visitation policy effective June 10, 2020:

- Visiting hours on both campuses will be 4pm to 7pm, 7 days a week.
- During visiting hours, each patient may have one visitor at a time, limited to no more than 15 minutes (with some exceptions)
- In addition, the following individuals are permitted access and are not considered visitors:
 - birth partners
 - parents of patient who are under 18
 - attorneys of patients
 - companions for patients with intellectual and/or physical disabilities

Visitation Requirements:

- All staff, visitors, and companions must be masked at all times.
- All visitors and companions must be screened for symptoms of illness (fever, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, loss of sense taste or smell) and those who are symptomatic cannot be permitted to enter.
- All visitors will be logged in with entrance and exit times.
- All approved visitors/companions to perform hand hygiene on entry to the facility and before entering and after leaving patient room.
- Visitors should remain at least 6 feet from the patient except for special circumstances.
- No visitors under the age of 18 unless the child of a patient.
- While one visitor is allowed in, others should be advised to remain outside.

Unit Specific Information:

- One visitor in the Emergency Department treatment areas or waiting area.
- One visitor for Medical/Surgical Units and Intensive Care during the hours of 4pm to 7pm.
- One visitor in addition to companion on Family Birthing Center.
- Parents (guardian) of pediatric patients allowed.
- Behavioral health one visitor during visiting hours.

Additional Considerations:

- The cafeteria is closed to all non-employees.
- End-of-Life Circumstances/Life threatening illness: Number of visitors based on specific circumstances.
- We continue to encourage electronic visitation including Facetime, Zoom, Skype, etc.

The changes are temporary and visitation policies will be updated when the situation improves.