

# Visitation Suspended at AMH Starting Today

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ALTON – In recognition of the extraordinary steps required to combat the spread of COVID-19, Alton Memorial Hospital is suspending visitation effective Monday, March 23. AMH will allow visitation to resume when the threat posed by COVID-19 lessens.

There are a few exceptions, and those visitors will continue to enter through the Duncan Wing main entrance after being screened with questions, including who they are here to visit, and a temperature check. Each visitor will receive a badge with the date and room number. Any visitor without a visitor badge should be redirected to the Duncan Wing entrance to be rescreened.

The following exceptions are pre-approved for visitation, effective 6 p.m. March 23.

- Obstetric patients may have two designated visitors at the same time (such as a partner or birth support person).
- Patients who are critically ill or are at end-of-life may have two designated visitors at the same time.
- Pediatric patients may have two designated visitors at the same time.
- Patients with behavioral health, developmental delays or altered mental status for whom a family member or caregiver is integral to their care or safety may have one visitor at a time.
- Adult and pediatric patients with an appointment in an outpatient setting, procedural area or in the Emergency Department may have one designated visitor.

### **Expectations for permitted visitors**

- Visitors must remain in the patient's room for the duration of the visit; access to other areas in the hospital (i.e. cafeteria, waiting rooms) will be restricted. Once the visitor leaves the patient room, they should exit the hospital.
- Visitors shall not be permitted to be in the room during nasopharyngeal (NP) specimen collection or aerosol-generating procedures.
- Visitors shall perform hand hygiene at point-of-wellness screening and upon entry /exit of the patient's room.
- All visitors shall notify the clinical care team if they develop signs or symptoms of illness during their visit.

Alton Memorial Hospital thanks you in advance for your cooperation.