

## HSHS Illinois Hospitals Lifting Visitor Restrictions And Returning To Pre-Pandemic Guidelines

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SPRINGFIELD — Visitor restrictions put in place at HSHS Illinois hospitals have been updated due to a decline in COVID-19 numbers in our communities.

Effective Monday, Feb. 13, 2023, HSHS Illinois hospitals will lift COVID-19 related visitor restrictions and return to pre-pandemic guidelines. Visitation in high-risk areas or for patients with communicable diseases will be at the discretion of local hospital

leadership. Similarly, departmental leadership may restrict the number of visitors at any point for the safety of patients and colleagues.

Masking is still mandatory in our healthcare facilities for all patients, visitors and colleagues. Medical-grade masks will be provided to visitors if they do not have one.

Visitors should not enter our hospital if they:

- are experiencing COVID-19, influenza, or other potentially infectious illness symptoms.
- tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 10 days.

These guidelines are subject to change at any time to address the health needs of our communities. Each hospital may have additional, department-specific guidelines and varying visiting hours, so please refer to your local hospital's website for specific details. By putting these guidelines in place, HSHS is exemplifying its commitment to the dignity and care of all.