

TEMPORARY VISITOR GUIDELINES:

CHANGES DUE TO COVID-19

- In most inpatient areas, **two fully vaccinated people** over the age of 12 years can visit a patient per day. They must show proof of vaccination.
 - This includes at least one parent/carer.
 - If you are unvaccinated or partially vaccinated and are the only person who can accompany your child, you are permitted to enter but must restrict your movement within the hospital. A second person cannot visit with you.
- Due to space constraints and the need to maintain physical distancing, only **one parent/carer can accompany a patient** in the Emergency Department, Outpatients Department, Middleton Day Surgery Ward, Recovery Ward, Turner Ward, COVID wards and Radiology.
- Siblings under the age of 12 years are unable to visit at this time. Where space permits, siblings of long stay patients (more than nine days in hospital) are welcome to visit at a time pre-arranged with the ward's nurse leader.
- We encourage virtual visits using platforms like Facetime or WhatsApp. If you need access to a tablet for video conferencing, please speak to your child's Nurse Unit Manager.
- All visitors will be screened upon entry and must stay home if sick or if they have visited a COVID-19 case location.
- All visitors over the age of 12 are required to wear a mask in all areas of the hospital, except when drinking, eating or sleeping.
- Hand washing and physical distancing guidelines should be maintained at all times, to help protect vulnerable patients and families.

We know these changes may be challenging. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak to a member of your child's health care team.

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