

TEMPORARY VISITOR GUIDELINES:

CHANGES DUE TO COVID-19

In response to COVID-19, we have temporarily changed our visitor guidelines to comply with physical distancing guidelines and to safely care for as many children as possible.

- In most inpatient areas, **two fully vaccinated parents/carers** can accompany a patient at a time. They must show proof of vaccination to concierge staff. If unvaccinated or partially vaccinated, only one parent/carer can be with a patient at a time.
- Due to space constraints and the need to maintain physical distancing, **one fully vaccinated parent/carer can accompany a patient** in the Emergency Department, Outpatients Department, Middleton Day Surgery Ward, Turner Ward, COVID wards and Radiology. If you are unvaccinated or partially vaccinated, please speak to a member of staff.
- Siblings are not able 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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