



Coronavirus Visitor Restrictions

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Standard Restrictions for Hospitals and Other Healthcare Facilities

For New Jersey's healthcare facilities, there is no greater priority than the health and safety of patients and residents. COVID-19 is a novel virus that poses an unprecedented threat to our patients, especially those who are elderly, have underlying medical conditions or have compromised immune systems. As coronavirus concerns escalate quickly, New Jersey's hospitals and health systems have partnered with the New Jersey Hospital Association to expand standardized visitor restrictions on a voluntary basis. These precautions include:

- No hospital visitors will be allowed until further notice.
- Limited exceptions include:
 - Patients in hospice or end-of-life care
 - One parent/guardian for obstetric patients
 - One parent/guardian for pediatric patients
 - One visitor accompanying an individual undergoing same-day surgery or an ambulatory procedure.
- Visitors who meet these exceptions will be screened for a temperature or other symptoms before being allowed to visit.

These standards are consistent with the common restrictions previously enacted by nursing homes and other long-term facilities that serve frail and elderly residents. Signage should be posted to promote awareness of these restrictions. These voluntary standards will remain in place until further notice as the New Jersey healthcare community takes aggressive steps to protect our patients, residents and staff members from coronavirus.