



## COVID-19 Visitor Restriction Policy

Following Ohio's state of emergency declaration, the Greater Dayton Area Hospital Association and its member hospitals have strengthened the region's existing visitor restriction policy for hospitals in Auglaize, Butler, Champaign, Clark, Darke, Greene, Miami, Montgomery, Preble, Shelby and Warren Counties. Visitor restrictions for COVID-19 have been developed with the support of GDAHA's COVID-19 Taskforce and input from our region's infection control experts.

Restrictions on visitation during COVID-19 will be implemented consistently across GDAHA member hospitals to protect our patients and ensure their wellbeing, safeguard our hospital workforce, and limit the community spread of COVID-19.

When implemented, the restrictions will be as follows:

- No visitation by anyone who is ill with seasonal flu or COVID-19 symptoms including: shortness of breath, coughing, fever, chills, headache, vomiting, sore throat, muscle aches or diarrhea.
- No visitation by anyone under the age of 14.
- Patients will be allowed **one** visitor per day. Visitation will only be allowed by spouses, significant others, parents or legal guardians.
  - Emergency Department patients may have one (1) support person.
  - OB patients may have one partner and one (1) birth support person.
  - Surgical or procedural patients may have one (1) visitor.
  - Patients who require assistance due to mobility, interpretation or healthcare decision making may have one (1) additional assistance person.
- Anyone over age 50 **or** with chronic health problems should avoid visiting a patient in the hospital.
- When visiting a patient, visitors will be asked to primarily remain in the room with the patient.
- Exceptions can be made for end-of-life situations and other special circumstances.

Visitor restrictions will go into effect on Monday, March 16, 2020. Regionally consistent print and digital signage will be displayed in all member hospitals for the duration that the COVID-19 visitor restriction policy is in effect.

If a visitor is unwilling to comply with the regional visitor restriction policy, member hospitals and their staff reserve the right to engage the administrator-on-duty and security to ensure the safety of all patients in their care.

COVID-19 visitor restrictions will be rescinded when the state of emergency declaration is lifted for the State of Ohio.

### Our Mission

To provide creative, innovative, and value-added support to our members in their ongoing efforts to meet the region's healthcare needs.