

ELECTRA HOSPITAL DISTRICT ELECTRA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

HOSPITAL ENTRY AND VISITATION DURING COVID-19

PURPOSE

To protect the health and safety of patients, employees, and the public.

POLICY

1. During COVID-19 public health emergency, the Hospital will screen workforce members and visitors prior to entry using the following criteria:
 - Fever
 - Signs or symptoms of a respiratory infection such as a cough, shortness of breath, or sore throat
 - Contact in the last 14 days with someone who has a confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19, someone who is under investigation for COVID-19, or someone who is ill with a respiratory illness
 - International travel within the last 14 days to countries with ongoing community transmission <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/map-and-travel-notice.html>

2. The Hospital will prohibit visitors except the following persons who have passed the screening process above:
 - The attorney or other legally authorized representative of a patient
 - Providers of essential services (contract healthcare workers, hospice workers, SANE nurses, a single designated caregiver acting on the patient's behalf, etc.)
 - Clergy members authorized by the Hospital
 - One parent of a minor who is a patient

- Family members of a patient when end of life is imminent (unstable as determined by the provider) or a patient presenting at the emergency department. These visitors will be limited as follows:
 - i. Inpatients:
 - 1. No minors will be allowed except legal children of the patient
 - 2. Only two visitors at a time
 - 3. Maximum of 5 visitors per day
 - a. Designated care givers are allowed to reenter
 - b. All other visitors may enter once per day
 - ii. Emergency department visitors (Refer to Emergency Department Visitation Policy)
- Government personnel performing their official duties

REFERENCES

25 Tex. Admin. Code § 133.51 (2020).