

# **RELAXING of VISITING RESTRICTIONS**

## **in GENERAL WARDS**

We had put in place a “no-visitor policy” to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Now, we are pleased to announce that we will relax our visitor policy in general wards and strict mask-wearing rules from May 20, 2024.

### **Visiting Rules and Hours**

1. We relax the requirements for all patients and visitors to wear a face mask in the hospital. However, only those clinical areas (such as exam rooms, treatment rooms, patient rooms, and waiting rooms) and during a conversation, will be required to wear a face mask.
2. Visiting Hours in general wards
  - Monday – Friday: 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm  
Saturday, Sunday, and National Holidays: 11:00 am to 8:00 pm
  - Two visitors will be able to visit a patient for up to 30 minutes, with up to 2 visits with different visitors per day.
  - Visiting rules and hours’ exceptions may be made in pediatric wards such as in Building B the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> floor, and the Pediatric ICU. Please ask the ward’s staff for more information.
  - A “no-visitor policy” remains at ICUs.

### **NOTICE**

- Visitors are family members or designated visitors ONLY. Visitors with cold-like symptoms or close contact with someone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 are NOT allowed to visit.
- Visitors are required to wear a face mask and sanitize their hands before visiting.
- Visitors are allowed to see a patient at the patient’s room or ward lounge ONLY. Building C the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> floor such as Starbucks or main entrance areas are NOT allowed for visiting a patient.
- Our visiting rules and hours reflect changes in hospital and community spread of infections and may change with little notice.
- A “no going-out and overnight stay policy” remains at general wards.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation

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