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For Immediate Release: Update to Visitor Policy

Due to the increase in positive COVID-19 cases in Lincoln County, our visitor policy has been updated, restricting the Emergency Department and Hospital visitors to only one. The following is also true:

- All visitors must sign in and out at the front entrance or the nurses' station. They will be asked screening questions and their temperature will be checked.
- No visitors who are currently ill, recovering from a recent illness, or have a temperature above 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit are allowed to visit a patient.
- No one under the age of 18 can enter the facility except to seek care for themselves.
- Visitors must wear a visitor badge.
- Effective October 1st, only one (1) visitor will be allowed except in the case of pediatric patients and end of life circumstances than 2 visitors will be allowed. Effective 10-9-2020, due to the increase of cases throughout our community, this one (1) visitor will be the same designated visitor for the patient's entire stay, except in the circumstances noted above.
- In the Emergency Department (ED), each patient's one visitor must remain the same throughout the stay. No switching of visitors is allowed. Pediatric patients are allowed 2 parents in the room. All traffic in and out of the ED will be kept to a minimum. Visitors must stay with the patient as much as possible and avoid coming and going. Exceptions can be made in extenuating circumstances (end of life, transfer with projected poor outcome, etc.).
- Visitors must either wash their hands or use hand sanitizer before entering and after leaving a patient's room.
- If a patient is under observation for SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19), no visitors will be allowed.
- General clergy visits have been discontinued.
- There will be no visitors allowed to sit in any waiting area of the hospital, except to wait to get care for themselves.
- Every visitor will be asked to wear a mask. If the visitor refuses to wear the mask or keep the mask on, they will be asked to leave the premises.