
Star Valley Health SARS-CoV-2 Visitor Restrictions

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Hospital and Emergency Department Visitor Restrictions:

- 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.
- 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.
- No one under the age of 18 can enter the facility except to seek care for themselves.
- Visitors must either wash their hands or use hand sanitizer before entering and after leaving a patient's room.
- Two (2) visitors will be allowed effective 4-12-21. Patients may have a maximum of two designated visitors throughout their stay and at their bedside at one time. Please use clinical judgement. Exceptions can be made in certain clinical instances. Providers, as well as leadership, can make these exceptions.
- 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 can wait in the waiting room as long as they wear a mask and remain 6 ft from other visitors.
- For patients at end of life, up to eight total designated visitors will be allowed for the patient. The number of visitors in the patient room at one time will vary depending on the location. These visitors must be 12 or older and must wear specific protective equipment as directed by the clinical team.
- In the Surgical Services area, one (1) visitor will be invited back prior to surgery once the pre-operative assessment is complete. Visitors can wait in the designated waiting area as long as they wear a mask and remain 6 ft from other visitors.
- Patients admitted with COVID-19 may have a total of two (2) family member visitors **IF** the family members have proven recovery from COVID-19 within the last 90 days or proof of vaccine series completion at least 14 days prior. Visitors will be asked to wear full PPE as well as sign a

waiver. Visitors who have not had COVID-19 or the vaccine series may not visit COVID patients at this time.

- Patients under observation for SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) will follow the above restrictions for those positive for COVID-19. To classify a patient as being “under observation” one of the following criteria are met:
 1. The patient has confirmed SARS-CoV-2 infection and precautions have not been discontinued. See “Criteria for Discontinuation of Precautions for SARS-CoV-2 Positive Patients” policy.
 2. The patient is being actively ruled out for SARS-CoV-2 and the staff is utilizing full Airborne precautions.
- Doulas are allowed as designated visitors.
- Religious representatives are allowed as designated visitors.
- The number of visitors at the bedside can be limited by the care team (i.e., nurse, charge nurse, unit manager, nurse supervisor) based on safety for the patient, visitors, and/or caregivers, as well as the care team’s ability to provide patient care.

